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300 slain in Algeria massacre

RAIS, Algeria (AP) — Charred homes, cafes and shops, doors broken down by marauders or left open by fleeing victims, are all that was left yesterday of Rais, where some 300 people were slaughtered.

Friday's carnage appears to be the worst of Algeria's 5 1/2-year Islamic insurgency.

Zahia Mehdi surveyed the burned-out home where her parents were killed, wondering how the five-hour rampage went undetected by soldiers in a barracks one kilometer away. "Why didn't anyone come to our help? The barracks are just a shout away," she said.

About 200 survivors fled to the capital, Algiers, or nearby towns. The exodus continued as still more massacres were reported: two attacks on Friday which claimed 47 more lives.

"I left because there's no more state to protect us," Ali Benamrane, a 36-year-old farmer said in Algiers. "There is no state — only a government of the night."

Trying to prove otherwise, Prime Minister Ahmed Ouyahia said on national television Friday that the perpetrators "will not go unpunished."

The government, usually tight-lipped about attacks, reported the massacre, putting the death toll at 98 with 120 wounded.

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Teachers strike threat still on

ARYEH DEAN COHEN and Itim

Threats by teachers to strike tomorrow, the scheduled opening of the new school year, remained in effect last night.

Secondary School Teachers Association spokeswoman Rivka Kanarek said "the threat of a strike still stands." The SSTA, the Teachers' Union, and the Parents Association are all demanding the restoration of all classroom hours that were cut and the reinstatement of teachers who were dismissed.

All parties concerned are to meet today at a special session of the Knesset Education Committee to try to resolve the crisis.

The teachers and parents claim that although the Education Ministry had promised to restore what had been cut, the reality is different. They are demanding that the ministry commit itself to this in writing, and until they see the results in the field, they will strike the schools.

The Teachers' Union officials put up posters and placed ads calling for a demonstration near the Knesset at 10 tomorrow morning. However, Education Ministry officials planned to go ahead with today's scheduled press conference to mark the scheduled opening of the school year.

The ministry insisted that most of the hours that were cut had been restored in negotiations with the Treasury, but it would take a few more weeks to complete what had been promised.

Haredi schools will not be affected by a strike. Schools in the Arab sector are expected to strike for three days, as Arab officials demand that various requirements be met.

Meanwhile, the Histadrut is continuing to threaten a general strike this week unless the Treasury commits in advance to keeping wage and pension agreements, and not to tax study funds, child allowances and the allocations of elderly people and handicapped victims of work accidents.

Treasury and Histadrut officials are to meet again today in a final effort to head off a strike.



Lt. Dotan Druk, who was Staff-Sgt. Ro'i Shukrun's commander, mourns over Shukrun's grave after his funeral at Jerusalem's Mt. Herzl Cemetery Friday. Shukrun was killed in the brushfire Thursday that killed three more soldiers and injured six.

(Itim Hersh)

Inquiry under way into Lebanon brushfire tragedy

By DAVID RUDGE

The IDF will pursue its "fight against terrorists" in Lebanon with all its strength as long as there is no other solution, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai said after the tragic blaze that consumed four Golan Brigade soldiers and wounded six.

"We are determined to ensure security for all citizens of Israel, while seeking everywhere possible to reach agreements and understandings to distance the dangers and threats," said Mordechai.

He maintained that the Lebanon problem could be resolved directly with the Lebanese, if they were allowed to do so.

"I expect that when the US Secretary of State comes to the region she will undoubtedly want and will take an interest in the Syria arena," Mordechai said.

"I have reiterated virtually every day that we want to talk to the Syrians and we certainly want to find a solution to the Lebanese issue. When this becomes possible we will discuss all the issues," he told reporters while visiting Haifa's Rambam Hospital on Friday where four soldiers wounded in south Lebanon brushfire are being treated.

Dr. Zvi Ben-Israel, deputy director of Rambam, said last night that one soldier was still in critical condition and another remained serious in the intensive care unit. Both sustained burns.

Another soldier is in moderate condition and a fourth sustained light injuries. The five are being treated in the plastic surgery ward.

President Ezer Weizman, accompanied by his wife Reuma, also visited the wounded on Friday and spoke with rel-

atives. Weizman stressed that the IDF should not be blamed for what he called an unforeseeable tragedy. He criticized Labor MK Yossi Beilin who responded to the incident by questioning the need for a continued IDF presence in the security zone.

"Yossi is a politician, a wise politician with his own opinions and he is not the only one with them. I heard him. He could have waited a week with them, certainly he could have waited a week," said Weizman.

He noted that there was significant debate, even within the

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IDF, over the Lebanon issue, but didn't elaborate.

Earlier on Friday, Mordechai, accompanied by Deputy Chief of Staff Manan Vilnai, visited the north and met several hours with OC Northern Command Maj. Gen. Amiram Levine, senior officers and those involved in Thursday's events.

Soldiers and officers began testifying before an inquiry panel headed by Maj. Gen. Gabi Ashkenazi, which is probing the tragedy's circumstances. Mordechai promised to publish the findings and carry out its recommendations.

The IAF is conducting a separate inquiry, including the activities of helicopter gunships and the rescue operation in which a Yassur helicopter plucked a badly wounded soldier from the blaze by means of a stretcher lowered on a winch.

The Golan Brigade unit of 15 soldiers, had split into smaller squads while on ambush duty in thick brush and scrubland near

Wadi Saluki — an isolated area in the central sector of south Lebanon used often by gunmen launching infiltrations into the security zone.

The troops spotted a squad of gunmen, who it turned out were from the Shi'ite Amal movement, and opened fire. Two were killed outright and two more in a second encounter. At least one other was wounded, but apparently managed to escape.

The four gunmen's bodies were removed yesterday by UNIFIL troops.

The IDF suffered no casualties in the gunbattles. The problem began as a result, apparently, of artillery and mortar fire called in to seal off the area and prevent the gunmen from escaping. IAF helicopter gunships also strafed the area.

The bombardments set alight the dry scrub and brush, although the flames at first posed no threat to the troops on the ground who were at least 800 meters away from the blaze when it broke out.

The situation changed when the wind shifted, sending flames racing towards soldiers situated on the wadi's slopes.

Initial inquiries showed that the troops acted in an exemplary manner in the gunbattle, but apparently realized the danger posed by the blaze only after it grew too late to make an escape. Despite the dangers, some troops who managed to extricate themselves from the inferno went back afterwards to help rescue colleagues.

Battalion commander Lt. Col. Nir told reporters Friday that the troops had not been ordered to stay in their positions and had approval to pull out whenever they deemed appropriate.

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PA demands 2nd pullback by Sept. 7

Albright to arrive September 10

By JAY BUSHINSKY and news agencies

A new controversy between Israel and the Palestinian Authority is swirling up on the eve of US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's scheduled visit that could poison the atmosphere in which it takes place.

Albright is due here September 10.

The PA has written that the second troop redeployment stipulated in the Oslo Accords has to be implemented by September 7, six months after the first aborted redeployment which included 2 percent from area C and 7% from area B. This redeployment was rejected by the PA as inadequate and heralded the current crisis.

The government says that no such requirement exists to redeploy in September, implying that the Palestinian demand will not be fulfilled.

Government quarters suggested that the PA negotiators advance to the final-status talks instead of getting bogged down in the second redeployment issue.

"There is no date on the second redeployment," said Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's communications chief David Bar-Ilan. "There is only a date for the third which is August 1, 1998 and if you divide it midway you get November and not September."

"We believe that Secretary Albright should concentrate on ... ending unilateral steps that

prejudice and preempt the issues of the permanent status negotiations, especially the settlement activities, confiscation of land and house demolitions," Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat told reporters on Friday, after a meeting of the Palestinian cabinet in Bethlehem.

Erekat said he sent letters Friday to Cabinet Secretary Dan Naveh and Foreign Ministry negotiator Ya'acov Bardugo reminding them that the next stage of the Israeli withdrawal in the West Bank is scheduled for September 7 and urging them to consult with the Palestinians on the extent of the withdrawal.

The previous stage was to have taken place March 7, but the Palestinians refused to accept control of the land, saying it was not enough. Under the interim agreement, Israel is at liberty to decide the extent of the three "further redeployments."

Albright is planning to restore confidence between the opposing sides. Israel and the PA are to dispatch delegations to Washington for talks with top-level officials ahead of her visit.

Sources said Naveh and policy adviser Uzi Arad may be given this assignment on Israel's behalf. However, the final composition of the team will be decided only on Tuesday.

Albright's visit is aimed at bringing Israeli-Palestinian peace talks "back from the abyss," her spokesman said on Friday.

The trip, expected to last about a week, will include Israel, the

Palestinian-controlled areas, Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Saudi Arabia, spokesman James Rubin told a State Department briefing.

He gave no exact itinerary. In Jerusalem, a senior government source contended that Albright gave up on the original pre-conditions for her visit as spelled out in a major policy speech on the Middle East three weeks ago.

At the time she said she would visit the region if headway were made towards the renewal of Israeli-Palestinian peace talks and effective action taken against the threat of terrorism.

The source said there has not been any progress towards the resumption of bilateral negotiations and no meaningful measures on the PA's part to uproot the terrorist menace.

"That may be why the secretary decided to expand her itinerary to encompass five nations, and to keep her presence here to a minimum of only two days," the source went on.

PA Chairman Yasser Arafat's reported decision to send a special delegation to the US to press for the immediate lifting of the closure imposed on the territories after the Mahaneh Yehuda suicide bombings also was described as an evasive move away from the primary goal: elimination of the terrorist infrastructure in these areas.

Arafat, meanwhile, accused Netanyahu of plotting to "destroy" the peace process.

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Hadassah to begin offering blood test for colon cancer gene

By JUDY SIEGEL

Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Keren will begin within a few weeks to offer Ashkenazi Jews a blood test for a mutated gene that can cause a type of colon cancer. The *Jerusalem Post* has learned.

Dr. Tamar Peretz, director of Hadassah's Sharet Institute for Oncology, said the test would soon be added to its existing system of checks for mutations linked to cancer, making it the first center after Johns Hopkins University Medical School to do so.

The gene was discovered recently by Dr. Bert Vogelstein, an investigator at Johns Hopkins University's Howard Hughes Medical Institute in Baltimore. Last week, Vogelstein told the *Post* in a phone interview that it would take three to five years for Johns Hopkins to patent and license the discovery and the resultant blood test.

In the meantime, any geneticist, he said, could take the information from the article to be published in *Nature Genetics* on September 1, and examine blood samples according to his description.

The discovery of the mutant gene, found in one out of 17 healthy Ashkenazi Jews, was called a "major breakthrough" and a "landmark" by geneticists around the world. The defect is the most common cancer-related mutation ever identified in an ethnic group, and Vogelstein's discovery is the first time that a relatively common, preventable illness has been linked to a genetic mutation.

Anyone who carries the gene has a 20% to 30% lifetime risk of contracting colon cancer, but the majority of colon cancer cases derive from genetic mutations that occur during one's lifetime, rather than those inherited from parents.

The BRCA1 and BRCA2 mutations, which are linked to breast cancer, are found in 5% to 10% of the Jewish population, but the lifetime risk of getting breast cancer in bearers of these genes is much greater than with the colon cancer gene.

"Technically, it will be simple to offer the test. We hope to do so in a very short time," Peretz said.

At present, the Sharet Institute will accept Jews of Ashkenazi origin who have first-degree relatives who had colon cancer. Individuals will be able to apply by calling (02) 677-6728. Peretz was unable to provide details about who would pay for the tests, and whether they would be offered as part of clinical research. Vogelstein has expressed interest in carrying out joint research with Israeli hospitals on Sephardi Jews, Israeli non-Jews and others to broaden understanding.

If the defective gene is identified in an individual, he must undergo a colonoscopy to search for pre-cancerous polyps or a tumor itself; if caught early, the polyps can be removed by pinching them off during the colonoscopy, but if found at a more advanced stage, surgery is necessary.

Everyone over the age of 50 is urged to undergo an examination by endoscopy of the lower colon once every two years; if a first-degree relative had colon cancer, colonoscopies should begin before 50.



Ilia Gazrach (Courtesy of 'Yediot Aharanot')

Souk bombing claims 15th victim

Ilia Gazrach, 73, yesterday became the 15th victim of the July 30 double suicide bombing in Jerusalem's Mahaneh Yehuda.

Gazrach, who lived in an old age home in Pisgat Ze'ev, was due to be buried last night at Har Hameinuhot.

Two of the 150 wounded in the market bombing, Svetlana Litvinov, 57, and Baruch Ostrovsky, 84, remain in intensive care at Hadassah-University Hospital, Ein Keren. Six others are still only in moderate condition.

Gazrach died after a sudden worsening of his condition last week. He never regained consciousness, said hospital spokesman Yossi Shoval.

Jerusalem Post Staff and Itim



NEWS

in brief

Azzam verdict due today

A verdict in the Azzam spy case is expected today in Cairo, with chances for an acquittal considered slim. Police sources earlier this month had said that a state security judge dismissed as "baseless" defense arguments in the case, diminishing the likelihood of an acquittal.

Judge Hisham Badawi said explanations given by Faried Deeb, Azzam's defense attorney, "are impossible for the mind to believe... are legally baseless and are not worthy of investigation."

Jerusalem Post Staff

1 killed, 1 hurt in crash

Salem Nabari, 70, from the Beduin village of Hura near the Beersheba-Arad road, was killed Friday when his car hit another car. The accident occurred as he was trying to turn off a dirt road leading from the village onto the main road.

The driver of the other car suffered moderate injuries, and was taken to Beersheba's Soroka Hospital.

Itim

Soldier drowns in Metulla

An IDF soldier from Kiryat Shmona drowned yesterday in the swimming pool at Canada Center in Metulla.

The soldier's brother found his body floating on the water and a doctor pronounced him dead at the scene. The doctor said it appeared the soldier had suffered a heart attack.

Itim

Youth dies in fall from Golan cliff

A 19-year-old slipped and fell off a cliff in the Golan Heights yesterday, and died on the way to Rambam Hospital. The youth, who wasn't identified, was hiking with several friends and was trying to take a shortcut through a dark crevice when he fell into Nahal Zevitan, police said.

Itim

Six injured in Kalandiya clash

A border policeman, a Civil Guard volunteer, and four Palestinians were injured in a clash between policemen and residents of Kalandiya refugee camp north of Jerusalem. When a police patrol car chased a suspicious vehicle into the camp, dozens of residents began pelting the police car with stones to prevent the officers from arresting the car's driver. The driver escaped, even though his car was also hit by stones and his car was damaged.

The stone-throwing continued, however, and the policemen were forced to fire tear gas and rubber bullets to disperse the crowd, lightly injuring four residents.

One of the stone-throwers was arrested.

Itim

Havel to visit Israel, PA

Czech President Vaclav Havel is to pay a state visit to Israel and Palestinian self-rule areas for four days from September 22, his spokesman said on Friday. He will visit Lebanon on September 19-20 and then Jordan for two days. In 1990, Havel was the first president of a former Soviet Bloc country to visit Israel after the wave of democratic revolutions which swept Central and Eastern Europe in 1989.

Reuters

Drug dealers caught

Police arrested a Mexican man aged 42 in possession of 2.5 kg. of cocaine after he arrived at Ben-Gurion Airport from Mexico on Friday. Police said he confessed to planning to sell the drugs to a resident of Bat Yam, who they later arrested. Both men were to be remanded by the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court last night.

Haifa police arrested five people in possession of more than 40 kg. of marijuana in a rented car on Friday. They were due to be brought before the Haifa Magistrate's Court for a remand hearing.

Itim

Soldiers report two attempted kidnappings

Two soldiers reported kidnap attempts in the past two weeks in the Jerusalem area, and security officials believe a Hamas cell is trying to abduct a soldier or policeman.

Soldiers are forbidden to take lifts alone. In the first case, the soldier boarded a commercial vehicle near the Nahshon Junction but became suspicious of the passengers, who were wearing kippot, because they buried their faces in books and the music in the van was too loud to allow conversation. He pulled a gun and demanded to be dropped off.

The second case occurred near Ma'aleh Adumim and the soldier said an attempted kidnapping actually took place, but he managed to pull away and escape.

Itim

Two cars damaged on Rehov Bar-Ilan

Two cars were damaged when haredi demonstrators threw stones at vehicles driving on Jerusalem's Rehov Bar-Ilan yesterday. No one was hurt.

Police dispersed dozens of haredim who threw stones at passing cars just before the road was due to be closed ahead of Shabbat evening prayers.

Itim

Cameri prizes awarded

Actors Meyrav Rubens, Rami Baruch and Natan Dattner were joint winners of the 17th Avraham Bar-Yosef Prize awarded at Tel Aviv's Cameri Theater on Friday.

Theater scholarship prizes of NIS 2,000 were also awarded to actors Osnat Fishman, Odellia Matalon-Moreh, Alon Ofir and Erez Shafir. The four scholarships are in memory of Cameri actress Edna Fliedel who succumbed to cancer in 1993.

Helen Kaye

Barak: Let US supervise Lebanon exit

By Jerusalem Post Staff and news agencies

Labor Party leader Ehud Barak on Friday said US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's visit to the region should be used to renew an initiative to withdraw Israeli troops from Lebanon.

"I think when Albright goes to Damascus we can turn to her with a renewed initiative for an Israeli-Lebanese agreement for a staged, supervised exit from Lebanon, slowly, with Syrian guarantees [and] with entry of the forces of the Lebanese army and an international force," Barak said on Channel 2.

Barak said that first Israel, Washington and Syria would have to agree to back the Lebanon initiative.

Then would come several weeks of negotiations with Lebanon, he said. After an agreement, Israel could withdraw in stages. For instance, after quiet reigned in a selected area for three weeks Israel could leave it. He envisaged the entire process taking a number of months.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Friday that Israel was far from being able to leave south Lebanon.



Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai (left), Deputy Chief of General Staff Maj.-Gen. Matan Vilna'i and OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine receive a report Friday from Golani battalion commander Lt. Ophir on Thursday's brushfire in Lebanon. (Defense Ministry)

"[If] we depart from Lebanon, Lebanon will enter us - it will reach the Galilee fence. And so we are far from finding a stable solution in Lebanon that will enable us to leave," Netanyahu told Army Radio.

"We've tried for some time with

the Americans to renew the political process between us and Syria which would certainly influence the situation in Lebanon but I think it is preferable to wait until her arrival," Netanyahu told Channel 1.

Soldiers killed in Lebanon eulogized as heroes

By BATSHEVA TSUR and Itim

President Ezer Weizman today plans to visit families of the four Golani soldiers killed in the south Lebanon disaster on Thursday.

The last of the fallen soldiers will be buried today at the military cemetery in Herzliya, 21-year-old St.-Sgt. Oren Zarif.

The three other soldiers were buried on Friday.

Some 2,000 people attended the funeral for Sgt. Oshri Schwartz, in Or Akiva.

"We gave you a flower and we received a hero in return," his father Yitzhak, said.

Schwartz's brigade commander eulogized him as "always willing to give his best... we are proud to

be commanders of people like Oshri."

Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine, OC Northern Command, praised Schwartz's squad for showing bravery against the enemy.

"He fell in battle, yet he wasn't defeated by the enemy," Levine said. He referred to the brushfire which erupted from shooting, consuming Schwartz and his comrades as they were on operational duty in south Lebanon, as an "act of nature."

MK Ehud Barak, the Labor Party leader and former IDF chief of staff, said that Israel owes its existence to the likes of Oshri and his peers.

At a tearful burial in Sderot for Shimon Yaday, 21, an Ethiopian

immigrant, Immigration Minister Yuli Edelstein said that the youth had "set an example to Ethiopian youth in Israel."

"He proved that despite the difficulties he faced as a new immigrant, he could advance and excel in a combat unit," Edelstein said.

St.-Sgt. Ro'i Shukrun, who had plans to become a doctor, was buried on Mount Herzl in Jerusalem. A graduate of the Himmelfarb religious school, Shukrun was eulogized by a teacher as a boy who never showed fear.

Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman urged mourners to draw lessons from Shukrun's sacrifice "so that we may all be worthy" of it.

Missing land dealer feared dead Closure costs \$6m. per day

By Jerusalem Post Staff and news agencies

A Palestinian property dealer arrested by Palestinian police in Ramallah two months ago has disappeared with no trace, despite an inquiry into his whereabouts by the Palestinian Authority.

Bassem Eid, head of the Palestinian Human Rights Monitoring Group, says he suspects that Shafik Abd el-Wahab, 52, may have been murdered, like three other Palestinians, for selling land to Israelis.

Abd el-Wahab was arrested on June 21 at his office in Ramallah by a man in plain clothes who said he was from Palestinian Military Intelligence, Eid said.

The man identified himself only as "Hilmi." Abd el-Wahab's wife Majida, who was present at the arrest, said no reason was given for it.

A few days later Majida Abd el-Wahab saw Hilmi at the Ramallah headquarters of PA Military Intelligence. She called out to him "Where is my husband?" but was hustled out of the building.

The monitoring group "is concerned that Abd el-Wahab was being kidnapped illegally by the military intelligence and is either being held somewhere or has been killed. There is no evidence that he sold land to Israelis himself, but some people say that a

senior PA personality is involved in selling land and Abd el-Wahab may have known about it," Eid said.

On July 7, PA Chairman Yasser Arafat set up a committee to investigate the disappearance.

On May 5, PA Justice Minister Freih Abu-Medein said the PA would seek the death penalty against Palestinians who sold land to Israelis, following the purchase of a house by a Jewish American in Ras al-Amud, an Arab neighborhood of Jerusalem. At least three men allegedly involved in land deals were murdered soon afterwards.

Israel accused the Palestinian Authority of being involved in some of the killings but the Authority denied this. Palestinian agents were caught by the Israel Police in the act of kidnapping another.

Amnesty International put out a call for urgent action yesterday, saying that it fears "statements made by the Justice Minister appear to constitute permission to security services to commit killings or extrajudicial punishments with impunity."

Eid said he heard about the case only two weeks ago, after Abd el-Wahab's wife was referred to him by members of the PA Legislative Council. Until then she had sought her husband's whereabouts with private help.

By Jerusalem Post Staff and news agencies

Israel's closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip costs the Palestinian economy \$4 million to \$6 million a day and threatens an 8 percent growth rate initially projected for 1997, the World Bank said Friday.

The Palestinians have put the daily losses in trade and income at \$8 million.

Egypt, Jordan and the United Arab Emirates have pledged \$14 million in help, but Saudi Arabia and Kuwait have not yet responded to an appeal by Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat to aid the Palestinians or to release hundreds of millions of dollars in frozen bank accounts.

The Palestinian economics minister, Maher Masri, said Arafat would send representatives to the Gulf states next week.

In a statement Friday, the World Bank said Palestinian workers employed in Israel lost \$31.1 million in wages since the start of the closure following the July 30 Jerusalem bombing. The loss in trade amounted to \$29.9 million, the World Bank said.

Many other economic and social costs must be added to that sum, the World Bank said.

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"There were three positions and in each one soldiers extricated themselves, except for one position where the flames caught them," said Lt. Col. Nir.

"The blaze was such that there was a massive sheet of fire which the wind blew up in the afternoon and it overtook the force," he said. Lt. Col. Nir said that the troops had carried out their mission and prevented gunmen from infiltrating the zone.

There were complaints that UNIFIL troops had at some point prevented IDF troops from reaching the rescue site.

Mordechai told reporters the complaint was under investigation. "Our relations with UNIFIL are generally good. During my tenure as OC Northern Command we established a good relationship and liaison. OC Northern Command is investigating the matter with UNIFIL and elements on the ground," Mordechai said.

Speaking in Bethlehem to some 500 people, Arafat, referring to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's linking progress in the faltering process with a PA crackdown on terrorists, said: "This is a plot to stop and destroy the agreements. He does not have any other pretext except security. We are committed to adhering to the peace process but the other side also has to be committed to the peace process." He warned "Our patience is not unlimited," and three times he added the controversial phrase. "All options remain open."

Netanyahu's media adviser, Shai Bazak, issued a sharp reaction. "Instead of fighting terrorism and fulfilling the rest of his commitments which he took upon himself, Arafat is continuing to look for excuses not to do so," Bazak said. "The war against terrorism is the heart of the Oslo process and the Government of Israel is not prepared to accept a situation in

which the Palestinian side does not fulfill its commitments and does not fight terrorism."

"Israel has fulfilled all of its commitments and will continue to do so only if the PA fulfills its commitments in accordance with the agreement and above all will fight the terrorist organizations and their infrastructure."

Albright phoned Arafat and Netanyahu on Friday to inform them of the date of her trip. In their telephone conversation Netanyahu and Albright agreed that Arafat is not yet doing enough to fight terrorism, Netanyahu's spokesman said.

National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon said earlier yesterday that while it might be possible to reach some deal with the Palestinians, it was "impossible" to make peace with Arafat.

"...With Arafat himself, in my opinion, it is impossible to reach peace," Sharon told Israel Radio.

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Request for information on Airport Runway Guidance Signs

The Israel Airports Authority is considering the acquisition and installation of new airport runway guidance signs, for the runways of Ben-Gurion International Airport.

Suppliers/manufacturers who have at least 5 years' experience in the design, production, and supply of lighted airport runway guidance signs, and who maintain a quality control program, in accordance with FAA-STD-013 or ISO 9000, are invited to respond in writing, not later than September 30, 1997, to:

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ROSH PINA

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GENERAL

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**'Stop the demolitions'**

A border policeman takes a photograph of Israelis and Palestinians demonstrating in Hebron on Friday to protest against house demolitions and the month-long closure, which began after the July 30 bombing in Mahaneh Yehuda. The placard reads "The destruction of homes equals the destruction of peace." (Reuters)

PM discusses oil pipeline in Baku

By JAY BUSHINSKY

BAKU, Azerbaijan — A dawn meeting with the leaders of this ex-Soviet republic that borders on Iran inspired Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to describe it as a potential supplier of oil to Israel and an ally in the multinational struggle against Islamic extremism.

Netanyahu landed here en route home from Seoul to allow time for his IAF Boeing 707 to refuel while he conferred with President Gaidar Aliev and Azeri government leaders at the chief of state's palace overlooking the Caspian Sea.

Among the topics discussed was a pipeline project that would enable Azerbaijan to move its crude oil

across neighboring Georgia and Turkey to the northeastern corner of the Mediterranean Sea and a prospective underwater extension to Israel.

"We are involved in this project," Netanyahu said. "It will enable us to buy oil at a much lower price." Azerbaijan's oil reserves are estimated to be among the highest in the world, possibly exceeding those of Saudi Arabia.

Baku's airport is surrounded by hundreds of oil rigs that testify to the fact that the country is endowed with a vast subterranean sea of untapped petroleum.

Although the overwhelming majority of Azerbaijan's population of seven million consists of

Shi'ite Moslems, it is largely secular in outlook and rejects the fundamentalist doctrines of the Teheran regime.

Bearing this in mind, Netanyahu evidently discussed the feasibility of three-sided cooperation between Israel, Turkey and Azerbaijan in stemming the tide of Islamic fanaticism emanating from Iran. Azerbaijan, which shares a common border with Iran, has been at loggerheads with the Islamic republic over the status of the estimated 23 million Azeris who live under its jurisdiction.

Netanyahu urged Aliev to open an embassy in Israel to match the Israeli Embassy in Baku and invited him to visit Jerusalem.

Iran radio slams Azerbaijan

TEHRAN (Reuters) — Iran's state radio yesterday blasted neighboring Azerbaijan for hosting Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, saying Baku was playing "a dangerous game."

"Baku has been playing a dangerous game by receiving the Zionist regime's expansionist prime minister. By doing this it has destabilized its own ties with Islamic states in the region and the world," Tehran radio said.

The radio was commenting on a brief stopover

Netanyahu made on Friday in Baku, on his way home from the Far East.

The commentary warned that Moslem Azerbaijan could face popular protests at home if it continued efforts to improve ties with the Jewish state.

"It is probable that if such efforts continue, the Islamic people of Azerbaijan will eventually be pushed to react in a bid to pressure the government to break its ties with the Zionists as people have done in Turkey and Egypt," the radio said.

HEBREW PRESS REVIEW

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu got some good press over the weekend. Both Shimon Schiffer (*Yediot Aharonot*) and Ben Caspit (*Ma'ariv*) discussed positive results of the premier's visit to Asia. And there was barely a mention of Sara.

Labor Party Chairman Ehud Barak, on the other hand, had a bad week. The dismissal of Labor Party workers, followed by a full-scale retreat when the workers occupied party headquarters, have raised questions (see below) about Barak's leadership.

Parasite remedy
Yediot Aharonot's business editor Sever Plotzker reveals the revolutionary economic program of Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman, in an article entitled "I will stop the parasitism of the yeshiva students."

A religious man, Neeman is planning a historical revolution in the state's relations with the haredim, writes Plotzker. He has formulated a plan to get 60,000 to 70,000 yeshiva students, who are exempt from military service and don't work at all or are employed illegally, into the work force.

Plotzker notes that in one year the number of yeshiva students grew by 25%, while the state funding of the yeshivot increased by 40%. Neeman was shocked, and said someone must be deceiving the state's coffers.

According to Treasury officials' calculations, the absence of some 60,000 haredi students from the work force causes an annual GNP loss of NIS 3.5 billion. In the next four years alone the loss will add up to NIS 15 billion.

According to Neeman's plan, accountants will check out the real number of yeshiva students who receive state funds; the haredim will be recruited to the IDF for a short time and will then be able to work without losing their exemption from full military service.

"If I succeed, it will be the greatest reform of the present government," Plotzker quotes Neeman.

But the haredi politicians are already preparing for war against this program. Emissaries from yeshivot were have already tried to cancel Neeman's proposal. They suggested they enter in counting the students by 10,000 and offered to reduce the number. But Neeman said he will not be deterred.

"No one can accuse me of fighting against religion, my motives are purely religious," Neeman is quoted as saying.

Barak's lost battle
After two years in politics and nearly three months as opposition leader, Ehud Barak is still a general behaving according to military codes, but hasn't yet learned some necessary political tricks, states *Ma'ariv's* Shalom Yerushalmi.

Had Barak been more experienced a politician — like Haim Ramon for instance — he would have known how to avoid pitfalls such as the abrupt dismissals of Labor Party workers and the bad press that came with it.

Despite a series of successful

moves, including wiping out the mythological Shimon Peres, fixing the primaries' date, recruiting contributors and giving his voters a sense of certain electoral victory, Barak is not succeeding in creating his own public image, and remains an enigma to many, says Yerushalmi.

Barak has formulated a recovery program for Labor, based on the winning principles of Tony Blair and Labor in Britain, consisting of whittling down the party apparatus and perhaps changing its name.

But party officials perceive Barak's intentions as a plan to destroy the party, he writes.

From the Far East, Netanyahu followed Barak's troubles with great enjoyment, while his aides volunteered advice to Labor's leader, in between loud bursts of laughter, writes *Ma'ariv's* Ben Caspit, who accompanied the prime minister.

"He should learn from Yvette Lieberman," one of them told me, "when he wanted to fire people in the Likud, he first sent Bibi abroad for two weeks. He fired, Bibi wasn't here, so whom did they have to demonstrate against?"

"Besides, you have to know how to fire and how to rehabilitate," quotes Caspit.

A car for every state
Yediot Aharonot's Shimon Schiffer, who was also on the trip, writes that Netanyahu knows how to tell his listeners what they like to hear.

"My first car in the IDF was Japanese, a Toyota Jeep," he told his hosts in Japan, adding "since then I've become a fan of the Japanese motor industry," writes Schiffer.

"Some of the Israeli escorts remembered they already heard a similar story, during Netanyahu's visit in Moscow a few months ago. Only then the car was Russian, a Soviet Zil. Netanyahu added that since then he has great admiration for the Russian motor industry."

The Japanese admit Netanyahu contributed to the relations between the two states, notes Schiffer, but Japanese officials stressed that as long as the peace process remains stuck, Japanese businessmen will not invest in Israel.

Murky conspiracy
The campaign of Uzi Meshulam, who was almost declared head of a terrorist organization, for exposing and solving the affair of the missing Yemenite children, is gaining momentum, writes Zvi Lavi in *Ma'ariv*.

The discovery of the four empty graves and the DNA tests proving Tsila Levine is the daughter of parents who claimed their baby had disappeared some 50 years ago, has strengthened the suspicion of what Meshulam and his people call a government conspiracy of systematically kidnapping babies and registering them as dead, in the early days of the state.

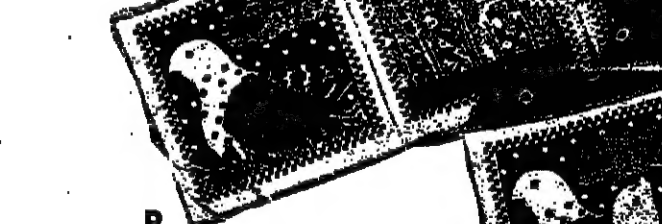
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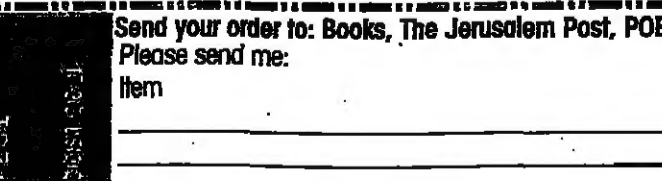
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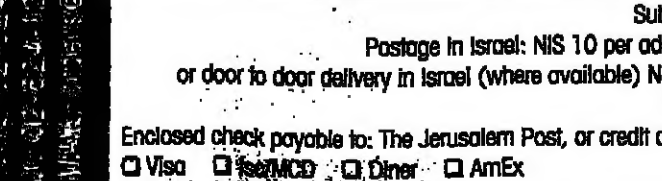
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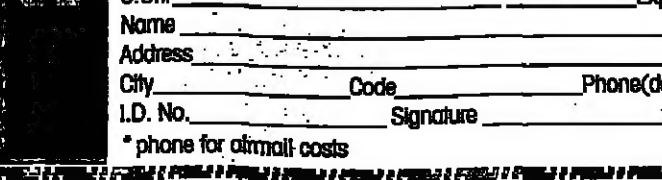
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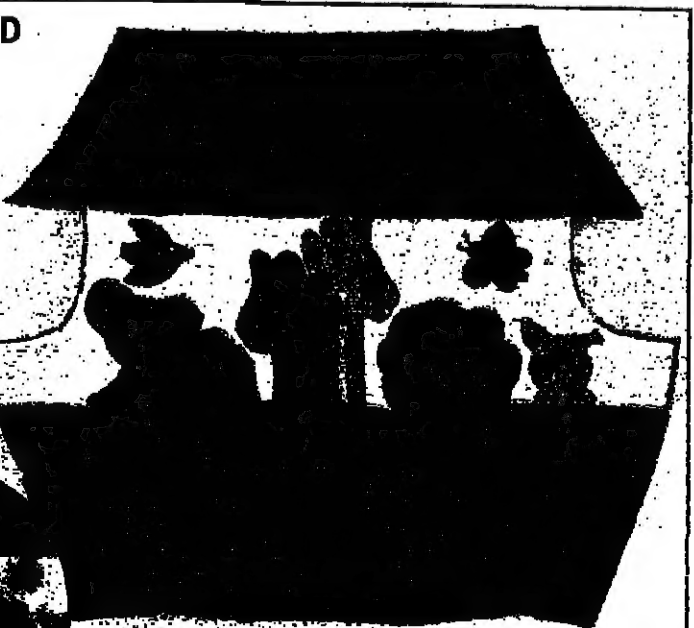
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Sinn Fein invited to negotiations

By SHAWN POGATCHNIK

BELFAST (AP) — The IRA-allied Sinn Féin party can soon join negotiations on Northern Ireland's future, the British government ruled for the first time. Protestant leaders denounced the move, and some urged a boycott of the talks.

Northern Ireland Secretary Mo Mowlam said Friday that Sinn Féin was entitled to attend multi-party talks when they resume Sept. 9 because the Irish Republican Army had not breached its 6-week-old cease-fire.

Britain's previous Conservative government refused to take that step during the IRA's last 17-month truce, because it thought leaders of Northern Ireland's pro-British Protestant majority would refuse to attend.

This time the British and Irish governments, which co-sponsor the talks, agreed that Sinn Féin would formally renounce violence Sept. 9, then engage in preliminary talks with other parties until all 10 parties gather at the same table on September 15.

"This is the time for people to represent their communities and try to find a way forward, for the betterment of everybody," Mowlam told reporters at Stormont, where talks among nine parties began in June 1996 without Sinn Féin — and haven't progressed since.

But no sooner had Mowlam announced the breakthrough than Protestant leaders vowed either to shun the talks or to block them. Their demands to disarm the IRA loomed as a familiar obstacle.

White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said Sinn Féin's inclusion "gives an opportunity for all parties in Northern Ireland to be part of

inclusive talks, leading to a negotiated settlement."

Sinn Féin's chief negotiator, Martin McGuinness, welcomed the move but said the invitation to talks "should have happened three years ago. We should never have been excluded." Two pro-British parties said they would boycott the process, which they consider driven by the need to give IRA supporters concessions and weaken Northern Ireland's union with Britain.

The Ulster Unionists, the largest pro-British party, indicated they would remain in the talks — but keep them fixed on the issue of disarming the IRA.

Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble said those who consider Friday's move historic "will end up looking very foolish indeed."

"There is no reason to believe that there is a genuine ending of violence for good by Sinn Féin-IRA. And when their quite unreasonable demands are not met by the government, they will return to violence," he predicted.

Trimble said the talks couldn't progress to a multi-party meeting involving Sinn Féin on September 15 — as Mowlam insisted — until the government formally assured him that the IRA would have to start disarming in the course of the talks.

"There cannot be any move off that issue," Trimble said.

One of Trimble's colleagues, William Thompson, ruled out meeting Sinn Féin, saying "we should not talk to those who are terrorists." And Ian Paisley, leader of the hard-line Democratic Unionists, said Mowlam was "rushing to embrace IRA-Sinn Féin" with "obscene haste." The UK Unionists also said they would boycott.

Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern, who came to power in June, warmly welcomed the British move. So did the Social Democratic and Labor Party, Sinn Féin's moderate and larger rival for Catholic votes.

SDLP leader John Hume wondered aloud whether unionist leaders "want the violence to continue, so that they can keep on saying what they're against?" "We could refuse to talk to all sorts of parties because of their past behavior. But we've got to leave all that behind us, and build a new future," Hume said.

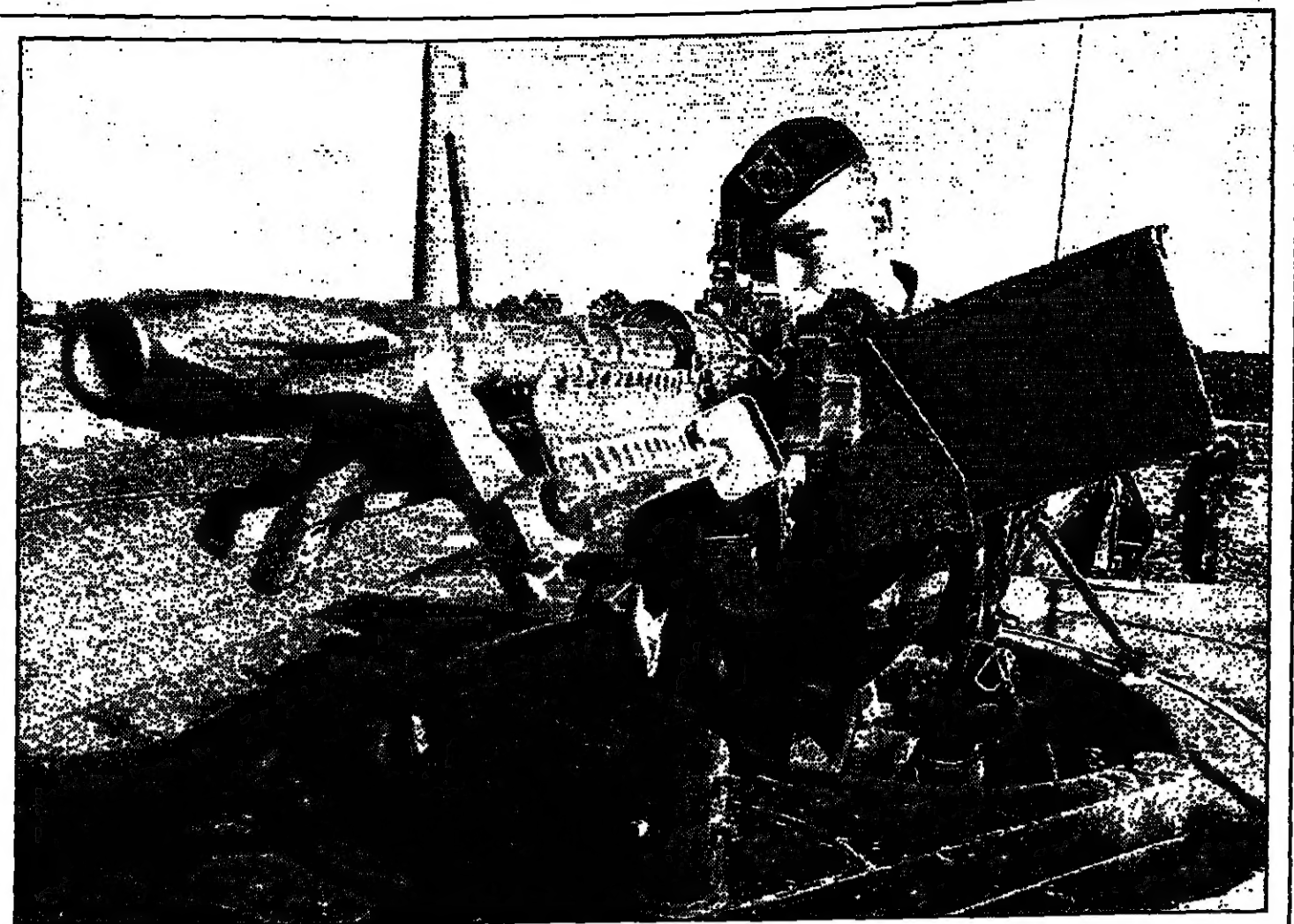
Mowlam said she expected Prime Minister Tony Blair to meet Sinn Féin leader Gerry Adams, possibly next month, after Sinn Féin takes a formal pledge to renounce the use of violence for political ends.

All participants in the talks must take that six-point pledge, written by the talks' chairman, former US Sen. George Mitchell.

Mowlam emphasized that an independent commission would seek to get both the IRA and pro-British paramilitary groups to start disarming as negotiations progress.

Northern Ireland's main pro-British paramilitary groups have officially observed their own October 1994 cease-fire, though dissidents have killed several Catholics.

"We would like to see weapons handed in tomorrow. That's not going to happen," Mowlam said. "However, we believe and we think it is a requirement in this talks process for those weapons to be handed in." Sinn Féin and the IRA have repeatedly said that no weaponry would be dismantled or handed over before a peace settlement is negotiated.



A US soldier stands behind his machine gun on top of an armored personnel carrier in McGovern base, just outside Brcko, eastern Bosnia yesterday. NATO allied peacekeeping forces have been authorized to use power, if needed, to shut down Bosnian Serb media outlets that urge violence against peacekeepers.

US envoy to Serbs: Halt 'totalitarian' actions

PALE, Bosnia — US Bosnia envoy Robert Gelbard told Bosnian Serb hardliners yesterday they were totalitarianism undermining peace and would be punished severely.

"We are clearly at the most critical moment not only in the implementation of Dayton agreement, but in terms of the future of Republika Srpska, that has ever happened," Gelbard told reporters in the hardliners' stronghold of Pale.

"They show actions that are only associated with totalitarian behavior," Gelbard said of the hardliners, whom he blamed for Thursday's attack on US peacekeeping troops in the northeastern town of Brcko.

He spoke after meeting Momilo Krajisnik, a top aide to indicted war criminal Radovan Karadzic, and other hardliners in their mountain stronghold near Sarajevo.

"What we have seen last week... as I told Krajisnik and his associates... just makes me believe these are terrorist acts," Gelbard said, referring to the attack on the US soldiers.

"I warned him in the most serious terms that there is a need right now to change this behavior. The consequences will be the most serious imaginable," Gelbard said sharply. Immediately afterwards he returned to Sarajevo to fly to the northern town of Banja Luka, the headquarters of Western-backed Bosnian Serb President Biljana Plavsic.

Asked in Banja Luka about the response of the hardliners to his remarks, he said: "The interesting thing is they did not respond. I think they are in disarray."

Krajisnik, who is a member of the three-person Bosnian presidency and widely seen

as Karadzic's mouthpiece, said he took what Gelbard had said seriously but rejected allegations that the attack in Brcko had been orchestrated.

"We don't accept threats, none of this was orchestrated," he said. "We took Gelbard's message very seriously, but we don't accept threats." Gelbard drove to Pale after meetings in the Bosnian capital Sarajevo with officials of the West's Office of the High Representative in Bosnia.

The meetings came just two days after the attacks on the US soldiers when the troops of the NATO-led Stabilization Force (SFOR) in Bosnia tried to oust hardliners from command of a police station.

Two soldiers were injured, one seriously, and the local offices of the UN's unarmed international police in the town were ransacked and 30 of their vehicles destroyed.

Officials said that UN personnel returned to Brcko yesterday to try to assess the situation and recover vehicles.

"At the moment, they are going around recovering vehicles and they're being helped by the local police," UN spokesman Jim Landsdale told Reuters.

Officers of the UN International Police Task Force (IPTF) in Brcko had to be evacuated by an SFOR task force.

Political sources and Western diplomats in Banja Luka said the hardliners realized they had gone too far by attacking the SFOR troops in Brcko.

"Krajisnik is sweating bullets, never mind the harsh rhetoric," a Western diplomat said. "He knows he cannot easily spread his influ-

ence beyond Brcko towards Banja Luka.

"But they're willing to compromise with Plavsic only if they win a postponement of the elections for at least four months which they believe would be enough to give them time to get up from their knees," the diplomat said.

Plavsic, who has been battling hardliners for control of state institutions in Bosnian Serb territory, dissolved the hardliner-controlled parliament last month and called for fresh elections in October.

The hardliners have challenged their dismissal from the assembly, but Gelbard made clear in Belgrade that the West believed Plavsic had acted legally. He said she also had every right to take over the police stations and the state media, one of the chief conduits for hardline control of the country.

NATO, meanwhile has threatened broadcasters who foment violence.

The peacekeepers in Bosnia "will not hesitate to take the necessary measures, including the use of force, against media networks or programs inciting attacks," NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana said in a statement issued Friday in Brussels, Belgium.

Options include blowing up transmitters, removing broadcasting equipment and jamming broadcasts, a NATO source in Sarajevo said.

In Washington, State Department spokesman James Rubin accused Bosnian Serb leaders of broadcasting an "incendiary message" that inspired Thursday's attack.

(News agencies)

Saudi court finds British nurse guilty of murder

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — A British nurse was found guilty of murdering an Australian colleague and has been sentenced to death, sources close to the case said yesterday. A Saudi court found Deborah Parry guilty of intentionally murdering Yvonne Gilford, the sources said.

A second defendant, Lucille McLaughlin, was found guilty of being an accessory to the Dec. 11 murder and given a jail sentence, the sources said. A three-judge panel issued the verdict on Aug. 17, but it wasn't immediately published.

An appeals court in the capital, Riyadh, is reviewing the case as part of a mandatory appeals process, the sources said. The process could last months or even years.

In confessions they later retracted, Parry, 38, admitted to stabbing Gilford, while McLaughlin, 31, said she had put a pillow over Gilford's face.

According to the death certificate and forensic reports, the 55-year-old Gilford died from multiple stab wounds and not suffocation. Defense lawyers argued that McLaughlin had not caused the victim's death, and had only tried to stifle her cries with a pillow, a court official said.

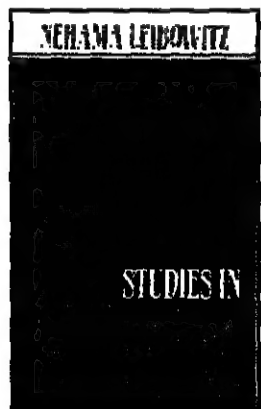
The nurses' lawyers have said the pair confessed only because they were told it would mean they could go home without facing prosecution.

According to Islamic law, the court decides on guilt and issues a sentence accordingly. The victim's closest relatives have the right to demand or commute the death sentence, which in Saudi Arabia is usually a public beheading.

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Barbarism run rampant

Even by Algerian standards of barbarity, the latest horrific massacre of over 300 people is a nightmarish crime, an outrage against all of humanity. It always has been a mystery why every nuance of the Arab-Israeli problem, every incident, minor as well as major, attracts world headlines and volumes of analysis, while the relentless slaughter going on in Algeria pops briefly into the news and then vanishes.

This unbelievable atrocity cries out for the attention of the world and especially of all the do-gooding, busybody international agencies who tramp around this region endlessly logging Palestinian grievances real and imagined. Where are the late night UN Security Council sittings on the hideous sufferings of an Algerian people caught between the tyranny of government and the tyranny of terrorists? "We cried with all our force but no one came to help us," one terrified survivor told *El Watan* newspaper. It is a cry that should echo around shame-filled corridors of international power brokers just as loudly as in the presidential palace in Algiers.

The massacre south of the capital at Sidi Rais adds a few more anonymous ticks to the statistical lists of carnage in Algeria. After all — what's another 300 in one night — even if it included 90 women, 55 children, 30 babies? Over a previous five days of killing, another 300 died and attracted scarcely a news brief in the world media. A day, a week, a year — it all has added up to 60,000 (give or take a few hundred human beings) in the past five years.

The murders, throat-slitting, decapitations of residents of entire rural villages has become the nightmare each still-untouched village must take to sleep every single night. Will their small community be the next to wake up to smoke rising from blackened ruins, families destroyed, limp carcasses wrapped in blankets flicking across faraway television screens?

The terrorist Islamic fundamentalists are blamed, but the government of Algeria is itself beneath contempt. Prime Minister Ahmed Ouyahia went on television like an automaton to promise "strong security measures for the rural communities" — a gesture that contemptuously insults the intelligence of a population that has been told terrorism is on the verge of being eradicated for five years, while all the time it has become horrifically worse. It is not enough to call the killers "hyenas and jackals" (an insult to respectable animals) without rooting out the snakes and scorpions in Algeria's government.

Algeria's dirty little secret is that if there were not complicity within the state apparatus, so many Algerians could not have been killed. Not only has this slimy regime failed to restore order and decency in Algeria, there is overwhelming evidence that elements of the military encourage some of the slaughter, or at the very least looks the other way. It is high time the world powers turned a piercing searchlight into the dark corners of this regime which continues to attract the blind eye because of its mythical "pro-Western" garb.

Sense at last

Lasts of fresh air continue to emerge from 10 Downing Street four months after the election of Tony Blair. The latest comes with his decision to bring Sinn Fein into the Northern Ireland peace talks. The arrival of the political wing of Britain's last most dangerous enemy in the world (the IRA) at the negotiating table provides no assurance of a final settlement. But it is another of those historical landmarks beloved by the Irish in their long struggle since they were first invaded by the foreigner in 1169.

The last time Sinn Fein sat down with a reluctant British government, it was under the leadership of Michael Collins, who in 1921 proceeded to negotiate independence for 26 of Ireland's 32 counties. Times may have changed, but now, as then, Sinn Fein remains committed to trying to achieve the impossible. Sinn Fein still draws its power from the dark threat posed by the IRA, whatever its media-friendly face as epitomized by the affable Gerry Adams. However, this time the IRA is not a freedom-fighting army negotiating a truce with the enemy. It is an outlawed terrorist organization

with a minuscule electoral base facing the negotiating might of two powerful and friendly democratic governments — Ireland and Britain. So, Sinn Fein's aim of uniting Northern Ireland's reluctant royalist majority with republican Ireland remains as remote as it did in 76 years ago.

The Blair government can afford to be generous — it is under no pressure from today's friendly Dublin government to make concessions to Sinn Fein. And the huffing and puffing of the northern Unionists about a looming "sell-out to the IRA" is just so much hot air.

In the end, all sides have a great deal to gain from these peace talks which now, and for the first time since the latest "troubles" began in 1969, have been unshackled both from IRA terrorist attack and British foot-dragging. The British have made a generous gesture to Sinn Fein at the risk of alienating their own Unionist friends. If Adams fails to be equally generous now, he may not surprise the British — but he will anger and alienate his own Irish countrymen. Permanently.



Back to school

DAVID NEWMAN

A collective sigh of relief will be heard from tens of thousands of homes throughout Israel tomorrow morning. Having spent the past two months finding ways of occupying our children during the long summer vacation, they will — assuming that the annual threat of a last-minute strike peters out — return to their classrooms to resume their studies. The hustle and bustle of getting them out the door each morning is, for many, a small price to pay as compared to having them moping around the house and complaining that they have nothing to do.

For those of us who send their children to summer classes and camps, have the latest in computer technology at home, or are fortunate enough to have nearby swimming pools and other leisure facilities in which children are safe to roam about, summer might be bearable. But these are luxuries that many parents, particularly if they are unemployed, cannot afford. There is nothing like the summer vacation to highlight the growing inequalities in our society.

Moreover, our system of "free education" is becoming more expensive as the years go by. All textbooks and writing implements have to be purchased, and parents are also faced with large payments for additional social and cultural activities and the obligatory field trips. And if we want a full day's education rather than having the children return home at midday, then we have to pay for additional classes. As with summer entertainment, not everyone can afford this.

OBVIOUSLY, EDUCATION is not free. It is paid for by our taxes, just as welfare, health and local government services are.

In its 50th year, Israel should embark on a national education debate

has one of the highest literacy rates in the world, while higher education is becoming available to an increasing number of high school graduates. Schools throughout the country are responsible for many excellent projects outside the normal curricula of language, mathematics and science, projects that generate social awareness amongst its students. Children here are probably involved in more hands-on community intervention projects than in most other countries in the world.

Our pupils also participate in field trips, seminars and other activities that make them more aware of the varied and complex environment surrounding them and which are designed to give them a sense of the unique history of their country.

And yet, most of us remain unsatisfied. We believe that the school day is far too short, that the subjects offered are not varied

enough and that schools are too concerned with achieving high grades than to educating towards good citizenship and tolerance. Perhaps it is because we expect too much and will never be satisfied with what we are offered. Or then again, perhaps it is because we do not have clearly defined expectations from the educational system?

WHATEVER THE reason, as Israel enters its 50th year of statehood, it is time for a national education debate, one in which everyone — parents, teachers, administrators and the pupils themselves — should be involved.

We should ask ourselves whether it is sufficient for our children to know the "three R's," for them to complete their high school studies with grades that will ensure them entrance into the country's institutes of higher education? Or perhaps, should we expect the education system to instill certain value systems based on national and/or religious beliefs? And if we do, then whose beliefs should prevail?

Is education supposed to be a tool bringing about national integration and a sense of belonging or is it simply meant to be a production line for high grades, enabling pupils to go on to studies leading to a professional career?

How we educate our children will determine what sort of society Israel will be 50 years hence. Investing in education has been a Jewish priority throughout the generations, and it demands our renewed attention as the new school year commences.

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King a hero, not a commodity

HAL PIPER

Nonviolence is passé at Atlanta's Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change.

It's a pity, but it's a new generation. A recent newspaper article described the shift in the King legacy from a sacred flame tended by his widow, Coretta Scott King, 70, to a financial resource cultivated by his son, Dexter Scott King, 36.

If that seems crass, remember that this is the '90s, when the Beatles' *Revolution* anthem is a soundtrack for TV commercials, and 60-year-old Fred Astaire film clips sell vacuum cleaners.

"Have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation... where the sharecropper's son and the policeman's daughter will all wear Calvin Klein underwear... and drink Chivas Regal on the red Georgia clay."

If that the way we live now, who will condemn the King estate for licensing King-themed sheet sets and checkbooks, or for using CBS News and USA Today for using the "I Have a Dream" speech without paying fees?

Still, it is not that the King Center no longer offers workshops on nonviolence. Coretta King and those who marched with Martin Luther King had a sentimental attachment to nonviolence. It today's issues are about piece of the pie. For that, you don't need humility; you need sharp elbows.

Oh, sure, nonviolence works against people with conscience. So King was able to shame Americans. And Gandhi embarrassed the British infreezing India, 50 years ago this month. But nonviolence wouldn't work against Hitler. Or Attila the Hun.

Probably not. Nor saint

This is the '90s, when the Beatles' *Revolution* anthem is a soundtrack for TV commercials

Stalin. But just eight years ago, nonviolence toppled the heirs of Stalin.

Some centuries ago, an "angel of peace" was painted above the altar of the St. Nicholas Church in Leipzig, Germany. In our own time, the angel inspired weekly "peace prayer" services. These had an ambiguous character, for Leipzig was in Communist East Germany. The regime declared itself for peace, but it also participated in the armed Cold War confrontation, and this fact was discussed in the church services.

At times the Monday evening services attracted only a handful of people and seemed to have little effect. Then an emigration movement grew. Its activists were not necessarily Christian, but the St. Nicholas peace prayers offered a place to meet and argue the morality of quitting East Germany or staying and working for change.

Recognizing that something important was happening, the regime began to block access to the church and to pack the meetings. By October 1989, half of the 2,000 places in the vast St. Nicholas Church were occupied, week after week, by faithful Communists.

And they heard the message of nonviolence.

The Rev. C. Fuchrer wrote: "I always regarded the fact that countless members of the (secret police) heard the Beatitudes... Monday after Monday as something positive. Where else would they hear these?" They heard: "Love your enemies!" instead of: "Down with your opponent!" "Many who are now first shall be last!" instead of: "You can't fight City Hall." "Whosoever will save his life shall lose it and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it!" instead of: "Keep your head down and don't make waves."

And the East German regime lost its nerve.

Armed force it could answer, but not moral witness. It rescinded the shoot-to-kill orders, and on November 9, 1989, civilians gently and jubilantly chipped away the Berlin Wall that signified Cold War division.

I, for one, thought of Martin Luther King on that night. His principles had triumphed again. I hope the King family won't forget that their commodity is our hero.

(The BaltimoreSun)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SPIRITUAL SUCCESSES

Sir, - Kudos to Rabbi Avi Weiss. "What makes a synagogue beautiful?" (Aug. 25). The starless passages of the Hebrew Institute are welcoming to those with physical impairments, as well as to parents with young children. The creative mezitza allows for halachic separation of men and women in an egalitarian way. In addition, there are separate rooms for children to experience the Sabbath while parents can participate in the prayers. Those serious in teaching the Torah as a force of goodness would do well to follow Weiss' spiritual successes.

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and incorporate these ideals of inclusiveness and concern for others here in Israel's synagogues.

ALICE EIGNER
former Hebrew Institute
Congregant

Ma'aleh Adumim.

DO THE RIGHT THINGS

Sir, - In my view, the Israeli government's "public relations" with the peoples of the world is horrible. From America, I get the distinct impression of a government that bullies the Palestinian people at every turn and then throws up its hands in

horror when these same people commit a violent act of protest. It's time for the Israeli people to pressure the government to take the large view of the world and what is right. This includes recognizing that you may have to continue to do

the right things for the world even while the smaller minds in your and the Palestinian community try to stop you by any means possible.

ROD JENKINS

Glendale, CA

ORIENTAL CAPITALIST

Sir, - In your August 17 issue, Larry Derfner shows gross ignorance in calling the Moonies "Christian."

The Reader's Digest once wrote of an Oriental capitalist deciding, after a survey showing religion offered the most profitable hope of returns, to invest in his own.

Moon is just following the same formula in plowing back profits from his spiritual captives cadging donations in airports, train stations, etc., in investments like the Washington Times; and now in academic symposia.

Two gullible Jewish impresarios hoping to share the profits per-

haps, should count the losses first of adding Moonies to Israel's sad religious confusions.

One hopes they won't invest their integrity also in sponsoring further clutter in Israeli airports!

GRANT B. LIVINGSTONE

Ariel.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

60 years ago: On August 31, 1937, *The Palestine Post* reported a widespread violence in the country: Three Jews and two Arabs were killed, one Jew and three Arabs wounded at various ambushes. The Jerusalem-bound Egged bus was shot at in Motza. Frequent instances of stealing from Jewish settlements were also reported.

Nahalal and Ein Harod celebrated their settlements' 16th anniversary.

50 years ago: On August 31, 1947, *The Palestine Post* reported that the UN Committee on

Palestine asked for the termination of the British Mandate and pointed to the necessity of granting independence to Palestine.

It rejected the claim that Palestine could not absorb the world's Jewish refugees. The position regarding final boundaries remained fluid.

A British sergeant and a police superintendent were injured when fire was opened at their car.

A long Atlantic swell hit the three British "floating cages" carrying 4,400 detained *Exodus* 1947 "illegal" immigrants to Palestine on their way to Hamburg. The first baby was born on the ship

since the convoy left France, to Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Goldberger. Two displaced persons' camps near Hamburg were completely fenced off to house the expected refugees.

25 years ago: On August 31, 1972, *The Jerusalem Post* reported that three local Khan Yunis Arabs were wounded by a grenade thrown at a busload of laborers about to go to work in Israel. This was the third similar attempt made by the Arabs to prevent Gaza workers reaching Israel in a week.

Alexander Zvieli

Jerusalem

EARTHLY CONCERNS



Common plants like philodendron are among the best 'air-scrubbers.' (David Bauman)

A breath of fresh air

By DYORA BEN SHAUL

You have a low tolerance for air conditioning. It's clear. You get up in the morning feeling just fine. You go to work in your modern office, and a few hours later you feel terrible. Your nose is stuffed up, your eyes are watery, your throat feels raspy, you are tired and irritable. At first you thought it was psychological. But you ruled that out because you really love your job. It has to be the air conditioning, then. But is it?

Probably not, say some experts. It may be VOCs - volatile organic compounds. VOCs have been around for over two decades. But only now, as more and more buildings are being hermetically sealed, are they beginning to have a strong effect on people.

VOCs are chemical compounds emitted in the form of gases: the formaldehyde in the plywood of cupboards, the chemicals in the plastic of upholstery and furniture stuffing, the emissions from the telephone, fax, computer, modem and copying machine. The trichloroethane given off by dry-cleaned clothing, shoe polish, suede cleaner, as well as from perfume, after-shave, deodorant and hair spray...

This chemical soup fills the building because, contrary to popular opinion, air conditioning does not admit fresh, cooled air into a room; it merely recirculates the air that is there. Often after a few hours, the quantity of VOCs can be staggering. But these are the realities of

our daily life, and most people think there is nothing we can do about it.

"Not so," says retired NASA scientist Bill Wolverton, who has been studying the problem for over 20 years. After a series of experiments, Wolverton discovered that the best way to combat VOCs is by growing houseplants. In his recent book, *How To Grow Fresh Air*, Wolverton says that certain houseplants have the amazing ability to absorb and metabolize VOCs, rendering them harmless. Wolverton successfully applied this knowledge at NASA in the sealed capsules that simulate space flight. The same technique can be practiced at home or at the office.

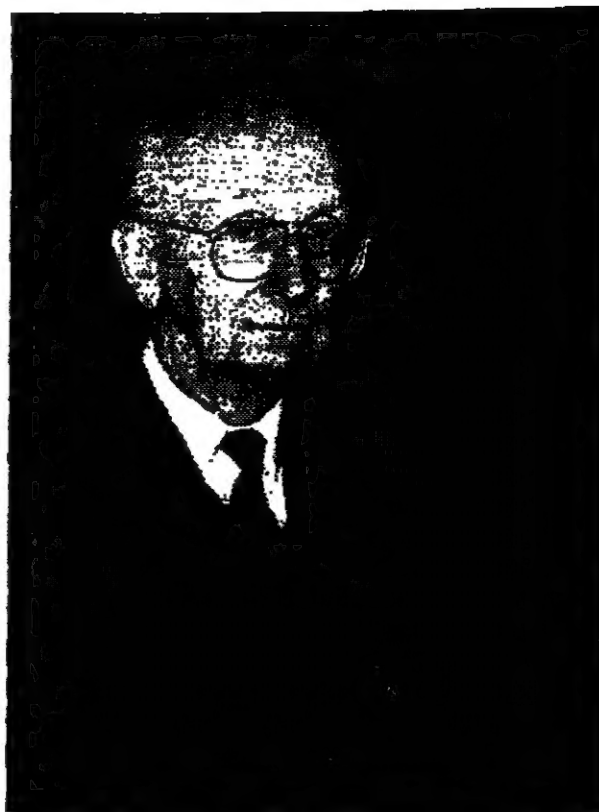
According to Wolverton, some plants are better at the job than others. Among the best "air-scrubbers," he says, are aloe vera, peace lily, poinsettia, rubber plant, banana plant, philodendron, photinia, arrow leaf, and tulips. As for a single plant species, the spider plant is the best. Even better, though, is a collection of such plants, since some are particularly effective at absorbing a given chemical.

The second thing, advises Wolverton, is to open the windows at night to let fresh air in so that morning doesn't find your air conditioner churning away, recirculating yesterday's chemical leftovers. This alone will save off any problem for several hours, he says.

So from now on, when you think of a chemical treatment plant, think of something leafy and green. It will also make your home or office look a lot more congenial.

Germany's Jews are on his mind

A Lutheran minister promoted love of Israel during East Germany's darkest years, Sue Fishkoff reports.



Lutheran minister Siegfried Reimann in Dresden: 'The point of our work is not just to build the synagogue, but to create a public confrontation with our past.' (Frank Schröder)

One evening in the mid-1950s, soon after the consolidation of the German Democratic Republic, Lutheran minister Siegfried Reimann organized an event called "Israel: The Holy Land Today" in a Chemnitz church.

Government officials told him the lecture was not authorized.

"They said it would be an 'intrusion into Israel's internal affairs,' as if the GDR was concerned with protecting the sovereign interest of Israel," he says. "In fact, the opposite was the case. They didn't want us to talk about Israel at all. And, of course, we did."

For four decades, when public discussion of Jewish and Israeli matters was deeply discouraged in the GDR, Reimann doggedly held information evenings in churches and private homes, organized Jewish-Christian study circles, and maintained close contacts with his local Jewish community. For his singular efforts in promoting Jewish-Christian dialogue in East Germany, he was invited to Israel two years ago as a guest of the Foreign and Education ministries.

Now semiretired in Dresden, his home for the past 16 years, Reimann is spearheading efforts to rebuild Dresden's Great Synagogue, destroyed on November 9, 1938, in the flames of Kristallnacht. He hands out brochures promoting the project to anyone visiting his modest apartment, explaining excitedly that the cornerstone is due to be laid early next year.

There are fewer than 200 Jews living in Dresden today, three-quarters of them recent immigrants from the former Soviet Union, but Reimann says that's not the point.

"The point of our work is not just to build the synagogue, but to create a public confrontation with our past," he declares. "Some elderly Jews are afraid to rebuild the synagogue. They feel it will encourage antisemitism. But I believe that if we don't do it now, when will we?"

REIMANN WAS born in 1930 and grew up under National Socialism. He remembers learning in elementary school that Germany's problems were the fault of the Jews. The only Jew he remembers seeing before the end of the war was a door-to-door fabric salesman who used to come to his house. When the man failed to show up one day, the young Reimann asked his older sister why. She didn't answer.

In 1949, Reimann began studying theology at Leipzig University in the newly established GDR. One day, he saw a film that dramatized the true story of a German Jewish actress who committed suicide with her non-Jewish husband rather than allow him to be deported.

"I was deeply disturbed by the film," Reimann says. "Since then, the topic of Germany's Jews has been a part of me."

Reimann sought out the few available books on Jewish and Israeli affairs in his university library and began reconstructing the history of the Holocaust for himself.

"The Holocaust was taught in schools in the GDR, but we learned that the victims were predominantly Communists," he says. "Jews were mentioned, but only briefly. And Israel wasn't taught at all."

"The GDR always drew a distinction between Jews who were victims of fascism, and Israel, which they opposed

politically. Anti-Zionism was the GDR's brand of anti-semitism. When the intifada began, the GDR took a particularly strong anti-Israel stance. Some teachers, with honest convictions concerning the fate of Germany's Jews, taught the true history of the Holocaust, but as the years passed, they became fewer and fewer."

While still in college, Reimann began attending small round-table discussions on German-Jewish relations organized by his church. Soon he was organizing such events

himself, lecturing on such topics as the Holocaust and Christian responsibility toward the Jews.

In 1981, Reimann moved to Dresden, where he became minister of the Annenkirche Evangelical (Lutheran) church and established a Jewish-Christian dialogue group called the Dresden Work Circle Encounter with Judaism.

"This was our way of going public," he says. "We put up posters advertising our meetings, and the government allowed it."

Hundreds of people attended each lecture, he says, particularly young people who were eager to learn about what their parents treated as a forbidden topic.

Except for the confrontation with the authorities in Chemnitz, Reimann says his "Jewish evenings" were never actually forbidden. "The GDR was officially an antifascist state, so they couldn't come out openly against our activities," he explains.

Government discouragement took more subtle forms, which Reimann persisted in ignoring.

"The authorities had long ears," he remarks, meaning that his meetings were always attended by informers who reported back to the state. After national unification in 1990, Reimann was able to look at his Stasi file.

"I learned that they knew that the group was founded in my apartment, and that they wanted to bug it and infiltrate the group," he says. "But the file also reported that most of the people who attended our meetings were elderly, and that wasn't true. The authorities were ashamed to admit that young people came to us."

REIMANN EXPLAINS that it was terribly difficult for Dresden's few Jews to attend his meetings, although some of them did anyway. Many Dresden Jews belonged to the ruling socialist party, the SED, and it was politically unwise for party members to be seen attending church functions.

"They had to make very awkward choices," he states diplomatically.

As the '80s came to a close and political freedoms were reintroduced, Reimann says he was heartened to see the number of young people attending his meetings grow steadily.

"I wouldn't say that a major wave of interest is sweeping through East German youth, but there's a definite curiosity about Jewish and Israeli history," he says. "More and more students are writing papers on the topic. They approach the subject without fear or caution, not like the older generation."

Since Israeli agencies have been able to work openly on East German soil, Reimann has been in contact with cultural and educational officials as part of his efforts to promote Christian-Jewish dialogue in Germany. He has close relations with Dresden's tiny Jewish community, which he believes will survive for the foreseeable future.

"In 1987 or '88, at the funeral of the Dresden Jewish community's former leader, a party official stated that within a few years the Jews of the GDR would disappear," he says. "It's true that after all that's happened, one might assume that Jews would not want to live in Germany anymore. I myself am amazed that Russian Jews are immigrating here, to the country that committed such atrocities against them. 'I'm not a prophet. I don't know what the future will bring. But I believe there will always be Jews in Germany.'"

Bad people who do good work

Every day before they go into surgery, doctors around the world consult their Penkoff anatomical atlas to make sure they remember exactly where everything inside their patients is. Medical illustrators keep the Penkoff Anatomy on their drawing boards for ready reference as they depict obscure internal organs with computer-generated images. Newer atlases of the human body incorporate images painted decades ago for the Penkoff atlas, considered the greatest collection of anatomical paintings ever created.

David J. Williams, professor and director of medical illustration at Purdue University, calls Penkoff's seven-volume *Topographische Anatomie des Menschen* ("Topographical Anatomy of Man") "the standard by which all other illustrated anatomical works are measured."

"They're masterpieces," Williams says. "Monumental."

But 50 years after their initial publication, the Penkoff illustrations have come under fire, igniting debate in the medical community. Many people now believe that Edward Penkoff, the Austrian anatomist for whom the atlas is named, and his team of artists used specimens harvested from victims of Nazi concentration camps for their illustrations.

His core group of artists also were

Nazis. They signed some of their illustrations with swastikas and the double lightning bolt insignia of the SS.

So, half a century after the Holocaust, the Penkoff Anatomy once again has raised the question of whether bad people can do good works. In Baltimore, a distinguished panel of experts recently explored the problem of such "tainted" information, at the annual meeting of the Association of Medical Illustrators. Opinions were strong, but the debaters remained sharply divided.

"Reactions to these revelations," said Purdue's Williams, "range from demands for complete removal of Penkoff's atlas from the (medical) literature to recognition of the reality that it is still used by surgeons and anatomists who are used to its great detail and admire its beautiful art." Dr. Howard Spiro, a gastroenterologist from Yale University who has written about experiments on Gypsies by Nazi doctors, said he believes the former. "I honestly believe we should not use this data," he said.

"When you say some good can come out of (tainted) data, it seems

to me we tell our children and grandchildren the end justifies the means. I am very much against using such data any way at all." Williams is probably the single most knowledgeable expert on the Penkoff Anatomy. In 1980, he

If a medical genius was a Nazi, does that mean his famed anatomical atlas is rotten at the core and should be banished from the medical literature?

studied with Franz Batke, the last surviving Penkoff painter. "I didn't know he was a Nazi when I went," Williams says. "Americans had raised the possibility that the cadavers of concentration camp victims were dissected

for the atlas. "He was very upset," Williams says. "Of course he denied it. But he was upset." Penkoff, Williams says, was a world-renowned anatomist at the University of Vienna in an era when an anatomist cemented his reputation by producing an atlas. He signed the contract to produce his atlas in 1930.

He was also a life-long German nationalist and antisemite who joined the Nazi party secretly in 1933. Penkoff was named dean of the University of Vienna medical faculty four days after German Nazis marched into Vienna on March 15, 1938, to annex Austria to Hitler's Third Reich.

Penkoff was dressed in his storm trooper uniform and stood before a portrait of Hitler and was flanked by swastikas when he gave his first speech in his new post, receiving the stiff-armed "Heil" salute of his colleagues. He immediately purged all "non-Aryans," or Jews, on the medical faculty. From a faculty of 197, 153 people were dismissed.

The Nazis rewarded Penkoff in 1943 by making him rector magnificus, "president" of the universi-

ty, a post that until then had always been filled by vote of colleagues.

World War II interrupted work on the atlas. And after the Allied victory, although he was never charged with war crimes, Penkoff served three years at hard labor in a prison camp. He returned to Vienna a broken and dispirited man, according to Williams. But he was able to reassemble much of his old team to complete the final volumes of his work.

Williams doubts that any Jewish concentration camp victims were used in Penkoff illustrations. Many cadavers came to the medical school from the Vienna court system. Austrian patriots, communists and others ordered executed by the Nazi-dominated courts. But so far, no direct link has been made between any of these corpses and the Penkoff anatomy.

The University of Vienna recently began its own investigation. In an odd turn of commercial fate, Waverly Inc., the Baltimore medical book publishers, became owners of the atlas in 1990, when it acquired the German publishing house Urban and Schwarzenberg. (The Baltimore Sun)

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Where you live may affect your health

Alzheimer's: Lest we forget...

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Israel's small size is probably responsible for the health authorities' long-time policy of regarding the population as medically homogeneous. Epidemiological studies are carried out on a national level, the only differentials being between men and women and Jews and non-Jews.

But a pioneering Health Ministry study, done by district, has revealed that the rate of complications from adult-onset diabetes — a disease with many serious and often fatal consequences — is almost three times higher among Jews in the Beersheba region than among the rest of the national Jewish population.

This profile, conducted by Prof. Ted Tulchinsky and Dr. Gary Ginsberg, has set off so many alarms at the ministry that all organizations involved in medical services in the south have agreed to take immediate measures. In addition, after reading a summary of the report, Health Minister Yehoshua Matza instructed officials to take action as well.

The result will be the establishment of the country's first interdisciplinary diabetes center, in Beersheba, where people diagnosed with type II diabetes can receive monitoring and treatment. The ministry, says Tulchinsky — who doubles as director of preventive health services and liaison with health services in the territories — "has focused its epidemiological services on infectious diseases. These disorders, particularly newly emerging ones, are major concerns. But chronic diseases are the ones that cause the majority of deaths."

The ministry, he declares, should have a chronic disease epidemiology unit to which hospital and clinical data can be channeled and turned into reports. These regular reports could then be used by health authorities to set policy.

Tulchinsky and Ginsberg processed data from the late '80s and early '90s (more current information is not available) from the Central Bureau of Statistics, Kupat Holim Chalit and various hospitals and clinics; they also conducted interviews with senior health personnel in the Beersheba area. They found that infant mortality there is the lowest in the country among the Jewish population and that the



Prof. Ted Tulchinsky (Studio Miasin)

death rate among Beduin newborns is decreasing significantly as well. Infectious disease control has also improved, but there are still many cases of meningitis, brucellosis, rheumatic fever and others.

To their surprise, they discovered a high incidence of non-insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus among Jews in that area.

The rate of complications from adult-onset diabetes is almost three times higher among Jews around Beersheba than elsewhere in Israel.

Patients with type II diabetes must follow a strict regimen of diet and exercise to control their blood sugar. But until the condition —

which can remain undiagnosed for years — is detected, monitored and controlled, the body can suffer much damage. The condition increases the risk of stroke, blindness, and heart disease due to high cholesterol.

Infection of the lower limbs can be a serious consequence as well. "Just getting one's toenails trimmed or bunions treated by a podiatrist can be a matter of life and death," Tulchinsky stresses. In extreme cases, the feet deteriorate due to impaired blood circulation and must be amputated. Of the 1,000 diabetes-related lower-limb amputations performed in Israel each year, a large number take place in the Beersheba area.

Tulchinsky is not certain why Beersheba-area residents are so susceptible to diabetes, but he says there are a number of hypotheses. One reason may be the inaccessibility of health services, i.e., distance or difficulty in getting diabetes diagnosed and monitored. "Our data is very limited," Tulchinsky admits. "Much more work has to be done."

Reducing the level of diabetes and improving diagnosis and treatment is a long-term project that will require the involvement not only of the health funds, Ben-Gurion University and the Health Ministry but of the schools as well.

The regional study can shed light on the recent Central Bureau of Statistics announcement that life expectancy in 1995 reached 79.8 among Israeli Jewish women and 75.9 years among their male counterparts. While Israeli Jewish men are ranked third in longevity in the world, Israeli Jewish women are in the 17th position.

Tulchinsky suggests that the large gap is due to women, especially middle-aged Sephardi women, who "don't take care of themselves. They are taught to look after their husbands and children but concentrate less on their own physical well-being." The large number of Sephardi women in the Beersheba area can be studied to gain more insight into this phenomenon.

Tulchinsky urges "all women, especially those over 30, to adopt a healthier lifestyle so that when they grow older, they will be able to enjoy their grandchildren much longer."

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

At the beginning of this century, diseases like diphtheria, measles, whooping cough and malaria kept many lives short and brought them to a miserable end. In the next century, the fastest-growing disease may present its first symptoms with the question: "Now, where did I leave my eyeglasses?" or "What have you done with my husband?"

With the aging of the population — not only in the West but in the developing countries as well — Alzheimer's disease will be much more common than these infectious diseases. Of course, most people who misplace their glasses are not demented, and half of those who are suffering from dementia do not have Alzheimer's. However, this as-yet-incurable disorder will have such a significant impact on society — its economy, health services, caregiving, families and even its humanity — that it cannot be ignored.

The Eighth Congress of the International Psychogeriatric Association, which met in Jerusalem earlier this month, highlighted Alzheimer's as a disease to be contended with in the 21st century. The first case was described in 1907 by Dr. Alois Alzheimer in a 51-year-old woman who developed suspicions about her husband. Although rapidly increasing memory impairment and disorientation soon became evident in the woman, psychotic symptoms such as delusions and auditory hallucinations followed.

Today, two to four million Americans suffer from Alzheimer's. It is the fourth leading cause of death in adult Americans — 100,000 deaths per year. The prevalence increases dramatically with advancing age. Dementias of all types affect about 5 to 8 percent of those aged 65 to 74; 15 to 20 percent of those 75 to 84; and 25 to 50 percent of those over 85.

Some 22 million people around the world suffer from some form of dementia. The cost of dealing with Alzheimer's is already equal to the entire Medicare program in the U.S. Experts have calculated that if disability from dementia could be delayed by a single month, an estimated \$4 billion could be saved each year in the U.S. alone.

Thus efforts are being made to develop better treatment and management of dementias, especially Alzheimer's.

Prof. Norman Sartorius, president of the World Psychiatric Association and a former director of the World Health Organization's division of mental health, noted that developing countries will, in the next century, continue to suffer from high child mortality, but they will have the added burden — due to the aging of the population — of caring for growing numbers of elderly. The number of over-60s in China will reach 200 million in the year 2020, for example. In half a century, 80% of the world population will be living in cities. How will urban services deal with the aged?

Governments and their health services will be slow in coping with this change. "It will mean adding new departments and adding more resources; they will have to take away resources from other things. People are living longer and are not willing to be tossed away when they retire. Forty years ago in Europe, the average life expectancy of people in retirement was an additional 18 months; now it is 18 years!" Sartorius said.

Dr. Sanford Finkel, director of the geriatric psychiatry division at



The prevalence of Alzheimer's increases dramatically with advancing age.

(David Brynner)

Northwestern University in Chicago, explained that cognitive difficulties such as a decline in memory had been considered the most critical problems of Alzheimer's. "But today we know there are also major functional and behavioral problems."

"Some 60% of Alzheimer's patients suffer from delusions: 'She's taking my money; I don't want her here,' may be one of the most common. It may even lead to the patient's becoming violent with the caregiver. There may be delusions of imposters: 'You're not who you say you are; you're not my husband,' or 'I want to go home,' when they are in fact in their own living room. Sometimes the Alzheimer's victim will begin to pack and leave. There are also delusions of sexual infidelity, of a spouse supposedly having an affair, and threats to kill him/her. There are hallucinations, or false perceptions, in one-fifth of all cases: 'Look at all the children over there... don't you see them?' These hallucinations can cause the caregiver to be more agitated than the patient," Finkel related.

Sleep problems are also common. Alzheimer's patients may have a 36-hour day, waking up in the middle of the night and wanting to go to work or to eat. There are often depressive symptoms. "They may suddenly be fearful and soon after be happy. It's not like conventional depression when the low mood persists," Finkel said. Patients may show anxiety (about being "shadowed"); they may pace or wander endlessly; and they may become psychotic and violent — hitting, kicking, or shoving. "Caregivers

become overwhelmed; when it gets to be too much, they will do all they can to send their loved one to an institution."

Finkel added that until five years ago, "there was even a lack of good clinical tests. We didn't have reliable, valid means of measuring Alzheimer patients' behaviors; instead, measurements were based on young schizophrenics. Five years ago, only seven placebo-controlled studies were done on Alzheimer drugs anywhere in the world. Since then, there have been 10, and there is progress." Antidepressants, sedatives, antipsychotics and hypnotic medication, as well as psychotherapy, can help improve self-image and communication skills of patients and reduce their anxiety and maladaptive behaviors. Dosage of antipsychotic drugs should begin at a low level and be even discontinued at regular intervals so that a patient's cognitive function does not plummet and various adverse physiological effects do not occur. Care must be taken in giving medication, especially since Alzheimer's patients can live as long as 18 years after the first symptoms are noted.

Prof. Amos Korczyn, chairman of the neurology department at Ichilov Hospital and lecturer at Tel Aviv University's Sackler School of Medicine, said that Alzheimer's patients have to be treated holistically; as they are elderly, they may already come with the "baggage" of chronic illness such as heart disease, diabetes, Parkinsonian symptoms, and depression. "We

can't assume that we know the quality of life of Alzheimer's patients. They lose their ability to express affection and other emotions. They can't tell us if they're depressed," said Korczyn, who is also chairman of the medical advisory board of Alzheimer's Disease International.

He spoke in detail about the caregivers, whose daily struggle with the patient often results in restlessness, depression, stress and despair. Since only eight out of 10 Alzheimer's patients are institutionalized, the burden of care falls on the family, usually spouses and children, if not hired workers. "Caregivers have been found to take more medications than others, to suffer more chronic illnesses, to have less time for social contact. And they usually have to cope with loss of income because the patient is not working or because they themselves have stopped working in order to care for the patient. Caring for caregivers can have a highly beneficial effect on alleviating the burden of looking after a loved one with dementia. Providing well-documented information and education, especially via support groups, is important, and family intervention can help considerably."

The Alzheimer "epidemic" will undoubtedly lead to a growing demand for passive, if not active, euthanasia around the world, Korczyn concluded.

One hopes that a cure for this overwhelming disease is imminent.

HEALTH SCAN

Robots take the drudgery out of pill-pushing

By POST HEALTH REPORTER

Robots are cutting down errors and speeding up the delivery of medications to patients, now that automation has taken root in hospital pharmacies. The latest issue of the Hebrew-language journal *Pharmacy Update* explains that in contrast to employees in other fields in which machines have supplanted humans, pharmacists are pleased by the development, because it has freed them from drudgery and given them time to become "an integral part of the medical staff treating the patient."

The robots, manned by pharmaceutical technicians and supervised

by a senior pharmacist, have liberated a growing number of hospital pharmacists from time-consuming manual preparation of individual doses, allowing them to serve as suppliers of clinical pharmaceutical information.

Dov Granit, director of the pharmaceutical division at Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Karem, writes in the journal that pharmacists are now expected to suggest the most suitable drug for each patient, with the fewest possible side effects and interactions with other medications and food.

The pharmacist carefully follows the level of medications in the patient's blood, integrating the data with results of clinical treatment in the ward. Pharmacists

now participate in doctors' meetings, providing updated information about drugs and helping them to decide what treatment to give.

Robots, most of them made in Japan, fill plastic strips of bags with medications labeled with patients' names and numbers and the specific unit dose they require, while others insert pills into plastic vials printed with bar codes. Some machines with pumps can dilute bottled antibiotic and prepare injections in a sterile atmosphere. According to Granit, the number of errors made has been greatly reduced by the robots, which are suitable not only for general hospitals, but also for geriatric and psychiatric hospitals as well as old age homes.

Rx FOR READERS

No sweat: You can also exercise in shorter bursts

By POST HEALTH REPORTER

Why is it that experts tell you if you exercise for weight reduction that it's useless unless you do at least 30 minutes or so of it at one go? Doesn't shorter exercise have any benefit? D.B., Beit El

Na'ama Constantini, a family physician and sports medicine expert at the Wingate Institute for Physical Education near Netanya, replies:

It's true that, until recently, it was believed one has to work oneself up to a sweat or at least get the heart pumping over a period of time to enjoy any benefit from exercise. But last year, the US Surgeon General and the American College of Sports Medicine declared that physical exertion of any kind is beneficial. Exercise has a cumulative effect,

even in shorter bursts.

This is good, as many people think they are too busy to devote much time to exercise, or elderly people don't have the strength. If you exercise five times a day for five minutes apiece, the result — in terms of calories consumed — is the same as 25 minutes at one go. People should be advised to get off the bus one stop before their own and walk, or climb a flight of stairs to get to the toilet on the next floor. The physical effort adds up.

I'm a 54-year-old woman with no known allergies. I am not on any medication and I have no out-of-the-ordinary dental problems. Sometimes, when I first start eating breakfast, part of my palate swells up and becomes painful to the touch, but it passes after about a minute. I assume it's an allergic reaction to some-

thing in the food, but what I can't figure out is why it happens only occasionally. The foods involved are low-fat white cheese (labaneh), standard bread (sliced, which I know contains preservatives), tomatoes and olives — foods I eat nearly every day. F.G., Jerusalem

Dr. Amos Ben-Zvi of the allergy unit in the clinical immunology department at Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Karem answers:

What you describe could be a direct, local reaction of your palate to a component of the food you are eating — just as contact dermatitis is a reaction in sensitive people to direct contact by their skin with metal or chemicals. The tomato, for example, which is acidic, could cause the palate to swell in sensitive people. It could also be an allergy, in which your immune system reacts

to food and causes inflammation, however short-lived.

As to why this occurs sometimes and not every time you eat these foods, it's possible that a combination of foods eaten together, such as one that is acidic and another that is basic, could neutralize each other and therefore not affect you. It may also be that you add certain seasonings to your food from time to time that causes a reaction whenever you use it.

If it bothers you, I recommend that you go to an allergy clinic for a skin test or blood test of allergens.

I am a healthy, active 68-year-old woman. Lately, I have noticed that there is less hair on my legs to shave, and the hair of my eyebrows is falling out. Why is this happening? M.S., Jerusalem

Prof. Sarah Brenner, head of the dermatology department at Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital, answers:

Hormonal activity declines as one gets older, and this can reduce the amount of hair on various parts of the body, including the legs. But eyebrow hair is not affected by this, so you should go to a dermatologist to be examined to find the cause.

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From worst to first: How NFL teams stack up

By T.J. SIMERS

30. Atlanta: Coach Dan Reeves hit the quintella, and nearly had the trifecta. The Falcons have not only the worst starting quarterback in the league in Chris Chandler, but the worst backup in Billy Joe Toller. Had they not cut Tommy Maddox, they also would have the worst No. 3 quarterback.

Top newcomer: Tennessee quarterback Peyton Manning - next year.

Biggest drawback: The team's 53-man roster.

29. Baltimore: Quarterback Vinny Testaverde had a dream season and never looked so good and the Ravens won four games. What happens when he returns to form?

Top newcomer: Defensive tackle Tony Siragusa, and that ought to sell a lot of season tickets.

Biggest drawback: Bam Morris' suspension for substance abuse.

28. Chicago: The Bears made a decisive move and dealt a No. 1 pick (11th selection in the first round) to Seattle for quarterback Rick Mirer, and then Mirer couldn't learn the offense. How tough can it be to hand the ball to Rashawn Salaam?

Top newcomer: Wide receiver Chris Penn, obtained in a trade with Kansas City at the last moment, although the Chiefs probably would have cut Penn anyway.

Biggest drawback: Wide receiver Curtis Conway will be out six to eight weeks because of a shoulder injury, and is the only player capable of scoring for the Bears.

27. New Orleans: The Saints will run the ball, stay conservative, fly around on defense, keep the game within reach in the fourth quarter and then Coach Mike Ditka will yell "Boo" in an attempt to startle the opposition and steal a victory.

Top newcomer: Running back Troy Davis, so small (5 feet 7) no one can see him, which makes it tough to tackle him.

Biggest drawback: Ditka is back, but Buddy Ryan isn't.

26. Arizona: The Cardinals have been to the playoffs in a non-strike year since 1975. Good news - the NFL's collective bargaining agreement is nearing expiration and there's always the possibility of a strike.

Top newcomer: Even when the Cardinals are right, they are wrong. The Cardinals took local hero Jake Plummer, who fired up fans but received two years' probation after agreeing to a plea bargain when accused of groping four women in a local bar.

Biggest drawback: Loss of offensive coordinator Jim Fassel to the Giants, leaving quarterback Kent Graham to flounder.

25. San Diego: The Chargers have a new offensive philosophy lacking only the kind of players it requires to carry it out. Team lacks a starting running back, a No. 2 wide receiver and an offensive line to protect quarterback Stan Humphries, who some suspect will be pushed hard by Jim Everett. The people there spend entirely too much time in the sun.

Top newcomer: He might play only on third down, but running back/wide receiver Eric Metcalfe looks like the Chargers' only threat beyond wide receiver Tony Martin.

Biggest drawback: A stadium that must be sold out or the taxpayers of San Diego start coughing up more money.

24. New York Giants: There are all kinds of great reports flying around Fassel and the team's upgrade in personnel with running back Tiki Barber and wide receiver like Hilliard. Hello, Dave Brown - still the quarterback.

Top newcomer: Christian Peter, who is coming off alcohol problems and a penchant for beating up people.

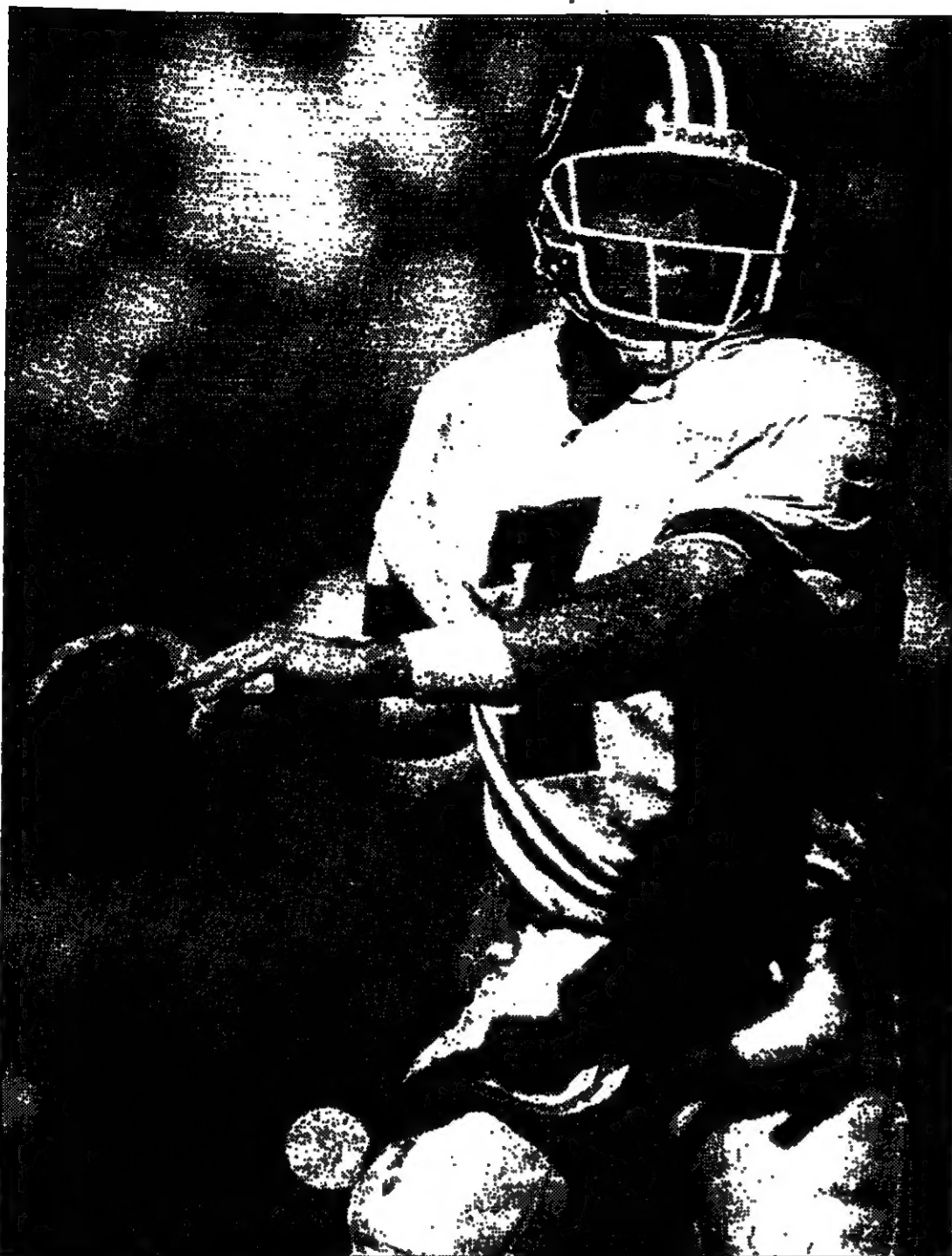
Biggest drawback: Fassel's faith in Brown.

23. Tennessee: The Oilers were in a position to walk into the playoffs last year, then they collapsed. They were out of their welcome in Houston, and now appear to be unwanted in Memphis while officials dig a hole for a new stadium in Nashville.

Top newcomer: The re-signing of left tackle Brad Hopkins, thereby giving the Oilers one of the top offensive lines - a boon for running back Eddie George.

Biggest drawback: The inexperience of quarterback Steve McNair, who had trouble beating out Chandler a year ago.

22. Tampa Bay: Some people are picking the Buccaneers to be one of the most improved teams in the league off their 5-2 finish



MAN WITH A MISSION - Denver Broncos John Elway will be out to establish himself as one of the game's great all-time quarterbacks.

down the stretch and the addition of running back Warrick Dunn and wide receiver Reidel Anthony. Some people are just plain crazy.

Top newcomer: The team's new uniforms, thereby ridding the world of that ugly orange.

Biggest drawback: Quarterback Trent Dilfer's insistence on throwing the ball to the other team.

21. Buffalo: The Bills are going from the no-huddle to an attack that will require No. 2 to watch. New offensive assistant Dan Henning will use two tight ends to run the ball and keep it away from quarterback Todd Collins.

Top newcomer: Rookie running back Antowain Smith fits Henning's attack better than Thurman Thomas, and he's a nicer guy.

Biggest drawback: The Bills will have a solid defense, but unless they elect to remain on the field at all times, sooner or later Collins will be out there.

20. New York Jets: How much difference will Bill Parcells make overnight? Jimmy Johnson had Dan Marino in Miami and did not inherit a team so bad that it had lost 28 of its last 32 games, and he finished 500. Can Parcells do the same out of the gate with Neil O'Donnell at quarterback?

Top newcomer: Parcells. He already has cut 27 players off last year's team.

Biggest drawback: Parcells. He can be insufferable, and how many people remember that his Patriots were 5-11 two years ago with one of the game's up-and-coming quarterbacks in Drew Bledsoe?

19. Minnesota: Where have you heard this one before - if Robert Smith can stay healthy. ... He can't. That will leave Brad Johnson throwing bombs to Cris Carter and Jake Reed and Dennis Green out of a job at season's end.

Top newcomer: Randall Cunningham has come out of retirement to look over Johnson's shoulder.

Biggest drawback: The Vikings can beat the Packers in Minnesota (five consecutive years), but no one else.

18. Miami: A year from now Jimmy Johnson makes his move with one final fling for Dan Marino. This year, however, he continues to change diapers with 17 draft picks from the last two years gaining experience.

Top newcomer: Pass rusher Jason Taylor will be this year's example why Johnson knows talent better than anyone else in the league.

Biggest drawback: A crumbling offensive line will not allow Johnson to run the ball, forcing Marino to play catch with tight

end Troy Dorton.

17. St. Louis: The Rams have the best young talent in the league, and it's all riding on the development of quarterback Tony Banks, who has been a chronic fumbler. At best, they remain ahead of the Saints and Falcons and behind the Panthers and 49ers.

Top newcomer: Coach Dick Vermeil says he won't work as hard as he did in Philadelphia. So why hire him? He got the Eagles to the Super Bowl.

Biggest drawback: They remain the Rams, and running back Lawrence Phillips will be playing on a swollen knee.

16. Indianapolis: No team has distinguished itself in the American Football Conference East, and the Colts appear feisty and competitive. But they still have an offensive line belittled on getting quarterback Jim Harbaugh buried.

Top newcomer: Tackle Tarik Glenn. Without help up front, running back Marshall Faulk goes nowhere.

Biggest drawback: The Colts will contend with rumors throughout the season that they are headed for Cleveland, which could lead to mass defections.

15. Philadelphia: Coach Ray Rhodes has told everyone the best quarterback on his roster is Bobby Hoyer, so he's starting Ty Detmer. Meanwhile, Ricky Watters wants the ball on every play and with Detmer at quarterback, Watters has a point.

Top newcomer: Center Steve Everett. He is 6 feet 5, and if he stands up he's going to get plunked in the back of the head by one of Detmer's passes.

Biggest drawback: The Eagles have a history of wasting first-round draft picks - defensive end Jon Harris continues the tradition.

14. Washington: The Redskins pulled away with a 7-1 record last year, then took a look in the mirror and realized they were frauds.

Top newcomer: Defensive coordinator Mike Nolan was hired from the Giants to bolster the league's No. 28 defense. How good were the Giants?

Biggest drawback: The best offensive weapon the Redskins have is wide receiver Michael Westbrook, and they want him to undergo counseling after beating up a teammate.

13. Kansas City: They had many off-season meetings, did a lot of soul searching and then the brain trust announced they will try to score some points this year. You can't just be a coach or GM in this league, it takes a lot of training.

Top newcomer: A passing

game, which will feature wide receivers Andre Rison and Brett Perriman, tight ends Ted Popson and Tony Gonzalez and quarterback Elvis Grbac.

Biggest drawback: Loss of defensive end Neil Smith, and if Grbac was so good, why did the 49ers let him get away?

12. Oakland: If Jeff George got all ticked off at June Jones, how will he react to Al Davis' sniping? George has been hired to fire up the vertical passing game, which will produce big plays and even more holding calls on the offensive line.

Top newcomer: Defensive lineman Darrell Russell gives the Raiders one of the best lines in the league.

Biggest drawback: The Raiders intend to use little Napoleon Kaufman as their 16-game battering ram. Anyone think Davis doesn't know what he's doing?

11. Pittsburgh: The Steelers looked so impressive in the preseason, but at last check those games don't count. Free agency has thinned the ranks, and quarterback Kordell Stewart will eventually be forced to throw the ball to win.

Top newcomer: Greg Lloyd. Lloyd sat out last season because of a knee injury, and compensates for the defection of Chad Brown to Seattle.

Biggest drawback: Running back Jerome Bettis, who runs best when motivated, has been given a four-year, \$14.4 million contract.

10. Detroit: If the Lions could be in the playoff hunt with Wayne Fontes in control, imagine what they can do with a real coach calling the shots. Quarterback Scott Mitchell has lost weight, and gets an offensive coordinator as hungry as he is in Marc Trestman.

Top newcomer: Bobby Ross will demand results, and he won't have to be reminded to give the ball to Barry Sanders.

Biggest drawback: The Lions will try to play this season without any defense.

9. Cincinnati: If Ki-Jana Carter finally lives up to expectations, the Bengals can make the AFC Central one of the league's better division races. Cincinnati went 7-2 under Coach Bruce Coslet last year and quarterback Jeff Blake was smoking at season's end.

Top newcomer: Former Steelers defensive coordinator Dick LeBeau, who will employ the zone blitzes that have separated Pittsburgh and Carolina from the pack.

Biggest drawback: Because of the competition in the AFC Central, which will hurt a team's overall record, the winner of the division probably will have to play

on the road in the playoffs.

8. Carolina: An injury to quarterback Kerry Collins and the loss of Kevin Greene give the Panthers their first severe case of adversity. Like San Francisco, Carolina will feast on the Saints, Falcons and Rams, but this is a playoff team that ranked No. 23 on offense a year ago.

Top newcomer: The signing of Renaldo Turnbull gives the Panthers a Greene-like replacement.

Biggest drawback: No one will take the Panthers lightly anymore.

7. Jacksonville: The Jaguars looked like the team to beat in the AFC until Mark Brunell suffered a knee injury. Brunell claims he will be back in no time and his backup, Rob Johnson, has looked great in the preseason. But what if Brunell doesn't come right back?

Top newcomer: Offensive coordinator Chris Palmer replaces Kevin Glibrie, who had the Jaguars ranked No. 1 throwing the ball.

Biggest drawback: Johnson comes into the season with seven pass attempts in his NFL career.

6. Seattle: It's not that the Seahawks are so good, but what a wonderful schedule to face this season. They play five doormats from a year ago in the Jets, Saints, Ravens, Falcons and Rams, and get two games against the Chargers.

Top newcomer: Owner Paul Allen brings an open checkbook, plans for a new stadium and a threat to Coach Dennis Erickson to win now or start typing that resume.

Biggest drawback: How long will John Friesz last at starting quarterback before Warren Moon gets the call?

5. New England: The Patriots don't figure to have the edge they had under Parcells, but Pete Carroll still has Bledsoe and Curtis Martin, and how much can a guy screw up a Super Bowl team in one year?

Top newcomer: Carroll. Some teams that interviewed him for their head coaching position walked away unimpressed, labeling Carroll immature.

Biggest drawback: Carroll. He's no Parcells.

4. Dallas: The Cowboys have so many question marks. Is Emmitt Smith a step slower? Is Michael Irvin trouble-free? Is Troy Aikman capable of winning without Jay Novacek? Is Barry Switzer armed and considered dangerous?

Top newcomer: Wide receiver Anthony Miller provides home-run threat, if he can play on a sore knee.

Biggest drawback: Dallas will have no pass rush, which means it will need Deion Sanders' undivided attention to keep the opposition out of the end zone.

3. San Francisco: This is just like one of those Disney movies where they let a kid out of the stands manage a baseball team, only this is a football story with Steve Mariucci living out a dream. The 49ers have so many good players it really doesn't matter who is in control.

Top newcomer: Kevin Gogan. Quarterback Steve Young is a concussion away from possibly ending his career, and Gogan brings a tough-guy attitude to the offensive line that might save Young's career.

Biggest drawback: The 49ers can't beat Carolina.

2. Green Bay: The Packers have reduced the Big Three of Dallas, San Francisco and Green Bay to themselves, and could have the NFC Central wrapped up by the end of November. The Packers are clearly the best team in the NFL, and when they lose the Super Bowl it will go down as one of the great upsets in sports.

Top newcomer: Kicker Brett Conway. The Packers didn't want to pay Chris Jacke big bucks - now let's see if it comes back to haunt them.

Biggest drawback: At some point your neighbor is going to walk out of his house wearing a big hunk of cheese on his head.

1. Denver: This is all about redemption, giving John Elway a chance to return to San Diego in January and bury a nightmarish Super Bowl loss to Washington a decade ago and once and for all establish himself as one of the game's great all-time quarterbacks. And who wants to make a no-brainer pick like Green Bay?

Top newcomer: Wide receiver Rod Smith steps into the starting lineup as Denver's only deep threat.

Biggest drawback: Elway will try to play 16 games with a torn biceps muscle in his throwing arm. (Los Angeles Times)

Blackburn, United both win, stay top

LONDON (Reuters) - Manchester United wrote a small piece of club history yesterday as the English champions beat Coventry 3-0 and kept the pressure on leaders Blackburn.

Dane Peter Schmeichel's safe hands in goal ensured United had kept a clean sheet for five games in five so far, the club's best defensive start to a season since joining the league 105 years ago. Blackburn won 2-1 at newly promoted Crystal Palace in a return for new manager Roy Hodgson to his distant south London playing roots.

They lead United on goal difference with the two clubs on 13 points, three clear of the rest. Both are still unbeaten with one draw apiece.

Striker Andy Cole started for United for the first time this season and scored after 76 seconds with a shot deflected in past goalkeeper Steve Ogilvie.

Captain Roy Keane, off an inswinging corner, and Czech forward Karel Poborsky, from a pass by Ryan Giggs, scored the others in the 72nd and final minutes.

Cole, in need of match fitness ahead of coming Champions' League fixtures in the European Cup, was substituted after an hour with his Coventry opposite number Dion Dublin looking sharper and hitting the post off a scissor-kick.

Blackburn, buoyed by a 7-2 thrashing of Sheffield Wednesday on Monday, took the lead through Chris Sutton in the 23rd minute, his sixth goal in five matches this season and making him the top goalscorer.

Kevin Gallacher made it 2-0 in the 31st before Palace pulled a goal back through Bruce Dyer in the 51st.

The match struck a chord for Hodgson, who was in the Palace reserves in his distant playing days.

Play was delayed for five minutes in the second half when Scotland international defender Colin Hendry was carried off on a stretcher and in a neck brace after a heavy collision with goalkeeper Tim Flowers.

He was taken to hospital as a precaution but was expected to be allowed home later in the day.

West Ham moved up to third place on 10 points after beating Wimbledon 3-1 at Upton Park. Wimbledon are now the only Premier League club without a win.

Arsenal's Ian Wright was booked in the first half of a goalless but action-packed north London derby against Tottenham, who played with 10 men after Justin Edinburgh was sent off for

Premier League: Arsenal 0, Tottenham 0; Aston Villa 1, Leeds 0; Chelsea 4, Southampton 2; Crystal Palace 1, Blackburn 2; Derby 1, Barnsley 0; Manchester United 3, Coventry 0; Sheffield Wednesday 1, Leicester 0; West Ham 3, Wimbledon 1.

Division One: Charlton 2, Manchester City 1; Huddersfield 0, Sheffield United 0; Ipswich 1, West Bromwich Albion 1; Nottingham Forest 0, Queens Park Rangers 0; Portsmouth 2, Oxford 1; Reading 0, Bradford 1; Swindon 2, Sunderland 0; Norwich 1, Tranmere 0; Middlesbrough 2, Wolves 4; Bury 2.

Division Two: Bournemouth 2, Blackpool 0; Brentford 3, Grimsby 1; Bristol City 3, Wigan 0; Burnley 0, Bristol Rovers 0; Carlisle 0, Northampton 2; Luton 0; Oxford 1; Plymouth 1; Doncaster 0; Preston 2; Walsley 3; Southern 1; Wycombe 2; Fulham 0; York 2; Gillingham 1.

Division Three: Barnet 2, Chester 1; Brighton 0, Leyton Orient 1; Cambridge 4, Shrewsbury 3; Cardiff 1, Notts County 1; Darlington 0, Rotherham 1; Doncaster 0; Exeter 1; Hartlepool 0; Macclesfield 0; Hull 7, Swinsea 4; Lincoln 3, Scarborough 3; Rochdale 1, Peterborough 2; Scunthorpe 1, Mansfield 0; Torquay 1, Colchester 1.

Scottish Premier: Aberdeen 1, Dundee United 1; Dunfermline 2, St. Johnstone 2; Hibernian 0, Hearts 1.

LEADING GOALSCORERS (League goals in parentheses):

Premier League: Chris Sutton, Blackburn, 6 (6); Dennis Bergkamp, Arsenal, 5 (5); Kevin Gallacher, Blackburn, 5 (5); Benito Carbone, Sheffield, 4 (4); Gianluca Vialli, Chelsea, 4 (4); Nathan Blake, Bolton, 3 (3); Ian Wright, Arsenal, 3 (3); Les Ferdinand, Tottenham, 3 (3); John Harrison, West Ham, 3 (3); Dan Petrescu, Chelsea, 3 (3); Gary Breen, Coventry, 3 (3); Faustino Asprilla, Newcastle, 3 (3); John Barnes, Newcastle, 3 (1).

Division One: Pierre Van Hooydonk, Notts Forest, 7 (4); Robbie Keane, Wolves, 4 (4); Paul Devlin, Birmingham, 4 (3); Jan Åge Fjørtoft, Sheffield, 4 (3); Chris Hargreaves, Swindon, 4 (3); Matthias Svensson, Portsmouth, 4 (3); John Aloisi, Portsmouth, 3 (3); Alan Armstrong, Stockport, 3 (2); Andy Hunt, West Brom, Albion, 3 (2); Nigel Jenson, Oxford United, 3 (2); Gary Jones, Tranmere, 3 (2); David Kelly, Tranmere, 3 (2); Peter Ndlovu, Birmingham, 3 (2); Mark Rivers, Crewe, 3 (2); Robert Steiner, Bradford, 3 (2); Geoff Thomas, Notts Forest, 3 (2).

Division Two: Peter Van Hooydonk, Notts Forest, 7 (4); Robbie Keane, Wolves, 4 (4); Paul Devlin, Birmingham, 4 (3); Jan Åge Fjørtoft, Sheffield, 4 (3); Chris Hargreaves, Swindon, 4 (3); Matthias Svensson, Portsmouth, 4 (3); John Aloisi, Portsmouth, 3 (3); Alan Armstrong, Stockport, 3 (2); Andy Hunt, West Brom, Albion, 3 (2); Nigel Jenson, Oxford United, 3 (2); Gary Jones, Tranmere, 3 (2); David Kelly, Tranmere, 3 (2); Peter Ndlovu, Birmingham, 3 (2); Mark Rivers, Crewe, 3 (2); Robert Steiner, Bradford, 3 (2); Geoff Thomas, Notts Forest, 3 (2).

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BASEBALL - Friday's results: Detroit 7, Philadelphia 2; Atlanta 3, Boston 1; Cleveland 7, Chicago Cubs 6; Montreal 4, N.Y. Yankees 3; Florida 8, Toronto 0; Milwaukee 4, Pittsburgh 1; Cincinnati 5, Minnesota 3; Chicago White Sox 5, Houston 4; St. Louis 9, Kansas City 7; Colorado 6, Seattle 5; Baltimore 4, N.Y. Mets 3 (12); Anaheim 3, San Diego 1; Los Angeles 5, Oakland 4 (10); San Francisco 5, Texas 4 (12).

Thursday's results: Toronto 3, Chicago White Sox 2 (11); Kansas City 5, Baltimore 1; San Diego 9, Anaheim 2; Colorado 9, Seattle 5; Los Angeles 7, Oakland 1; Texas 11, San Francisco 6; Chicago Cubs 4, Florida 3 (10); Atlanta 4, Houston 2; St. Louis 11, Montreal 5.

a second booking in the 44th minute.

Arsenal, their disciplinary record under close scrutiny after a midweek fracas at Leicester, hit the woodwork four times in the first half and came close again repeatedly in the second half.

Wright, needing just one goal to equal Cliff Bastin's all-time Arsenal scoring record of 178, twice missed great chances, hitting the crossbar in the first half.

Dutchmen Marc Overmars and Dennis Bergkamp both hit the woodwork with fierce long-range shots.

"There's no doubt that Arsenal were the better side in the first half and we rode our luck a bit," said Tottenham manager Gerry Francis.

Chelsea, who smashed six goals past Barnsley last Sunday, beat Southampton 4-2 to go fourth despite ending with 10 men after defender Frank Sinclair was sent off for violent play 12 minutes from time.

Dan Petrescu chipped over the defense and scored off the post in the seventh minute. Kevin Davies equalized in the 25th before Chelsea moved up a gear.

Frank Leboeuf made it 2-1 in the 28th. Mark Hughes scored in the 31st and Dennis Wise in the 34th. Ken Monkou pulled a goal back for 4-2 in the 59th.

Aston Villa picked up their first points of the season with a 1-0 win at home to Leeds.

Derby beat Barnsley 1-0, with Italian Stefano Eranio scoring the club's first official goal at their new Pride Park stadium with a 43rd-minute penalty.

Liverpool play Newcastle at Anfield today.

PREMIER LEAGUE										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Blackburn	5	4	1	0	15	4	13			
Man. Utd.	5	4	1	0	8	0	13			
West Ham	5	3	1	1	9	6	10			
Chelsea	4	3	0	1	14	5	9			
Arsenal	4	2	3	0	9	5	9			
Wolverhampton	4	2	2	1	6	5	8			
Tottenham	4	2	2	1	5	6	8			
Newcastle	4	2	2	0	3	1	8			
Coventry	4	2	0	3	4	2	6			
Liverpool	4	1	2	1	5	4	5			
Sheff. Wed.	4	1	1	3	6	13	4			
Derby	3	1	0	2	1	2	3			
Everton	3	1	0	2	3	5	3			
Southampton	3	1	0	2	4	9	3			
Aston Villa	3	1	0	2	3	9	3			
Wimbledon	4	0	2	2	3	7	2			

DIVISION ONE							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Notts Forest	4	4	0	0	10	1	12
Bradford	4	3	1	0	7	2	10
W. Brom.	4	3	1	0	7	4	10
Swindon	4	3	1	0	7	4	10
Sheff. Wed.	4	3	1	0	8	2	10
Sheff. Utd.	4	2	2	1	8	5	8
Birmingham	4	2	1	0	7	2	7
Molverham	4	2	1	1	6	3	7
Exeter	4	2	1	1	6	5	7
Cardiff	4	2	1	1	6	5	7
Manchest.	4	1	1	1	6	4	4
QPR	4	1	1	1	2	3	4
Blackb.	4	1	1	1	2	4	4
Cardiff City	4	1	0	2	3	4	3
Crown	3	1	0	2	3	5	3
Port Vale	3	1	0	2	4	4	3
Doncaster	3	1	0	2	4	7	3
Warrick	4	0	1	3	3	8	1
Warrick	4	0	1	3	3	8	1
Acc. City	4	0	2	2	5	8	2
Stockport	4	0	2	2	4	8	2
Grimsby	4	0	2	2	4	8	2
Reading	4	0	1	3	1	8	1

SPORTS

in brief

Maradona caught using drugs

Diego Maradona was suspended by the Argentine Football Association (AFA) on Friday night after testing positive for drugs. The AFA said it had summoned Maradona to appear at a hearing on Tuesday.

The provisional ban will remain in force until a second test on the urine sample, taken after a league match today, is conducted next week.

If it proves positive, Maradona is expected to be suspended from the game for up to five years. That would spell the end of the 36-year-old's colorful career in the game. Reuters

Atherton to remain as England captain

Mike Atherton said on Friday he would stay on as England cricket captain.

Chairman of selectors David Graveney told a press conference Atherton had accepted an invitation to stay on as captain for the forthcoming Test series in the West Indies.

Atherton, England's longest-serving captain, had been pondering his future since winning the final test against Australia last weekend. Australia had already won the series. Reuters

Holyfield, Moorer to stage rematch

Evander Holyfield returns to the ring when he meets fellow heavyweight champion Michael Moorer November 8. Holyfield will try to unify two parts of the heavyweight title when he meets Moorer in his first fight since beating Mike Tyson June 28. It also will be a chance for revenge by Holyfield, who lost his WBA and IBF crowns to Moorer in a close decision April 22, 1994. AP

No change at top of National League

By DEREK FATTAL

The third round of National League soccer action brought no changes at the head of the standings this weekend as the four leading sides all drew.

Tabletoppers Maccabi Haifa led twice in their match away to Maccabi Herzliya, but poor defending allowed Ilan Benhar to rescue "the seashores."

At the bottom of the standings Hapoel Petah Tikva climbed out of 16th position with three points thanks to home win against Hapoel Beit She'an.

The round will be completed on Tuesday with Hapoel Beersheba's match against Maccabi Petah Tikva. The match has been rescheduled as the southerners were involved in European play last Thursday.

The Second Division got underway with the first round of fixtures. Newly promoted Hapoel Lod drew 1-1 away to Hapoel Ramat Gan, while Zefirum Holon - just relegated from the National League - had no difficulty inflicting a 2-0 defeat on the other newcomers from the Third Division, Bnei Sakhnin.

Champions Betar Jerusalem registered their first victory of the season with a 4-3 victory over Hapoel Kfar Sava yesterday. Nir Sevil, brought in to replace injured captain Eli Ohana had a dream start to the match, scoring

within 40 seconds of the kick off, then adding another two fine goals to make a hat trick together with a goal by Istvan Pishont gave the Betaris a 4-1 lead at the interval.

The Sharon side got their act together in the second half as goals from Avi Sander (67) and late substitute Motti Yeverbaum (90) exposed the Jerusalemite deficiencies in defense.

The biggest game of the weekend was the 8,000 attendance at Kiryat Eliezer to witness the match between Hapoel Haifa and Maccabi Tel Aviv. A Moshe Giam sprint down the right flank provided the platform for Eli Drakis to fire the Tel Avivians into a 39th-minute lead, but Hapoel's Serjan Shulikov tied the scores a mere four minutes later.

Haifa's winner came from a potential candidate for goal of the season from Bosnian import Jaroslav Besinic which ripped into Alexander Obarov's net from over 30 meters out in the 72nd minute. Hapoel's Ilan Tal received a red card close to the end of the match. Hapoel Petah Tikva had a tough time earning a 3-2 home victory against one of the league's weakest sides Beit She'an. The Petah

Tikvians had to come back from behind twice before Manor Hassan stormed in to collect the winner in the second half.

The upper flight's third- and fourth-placed teams, Hapoel Tel Aviv and Hapoel Jerusalem provided an exciting but goalless duel at Bloomfield. The Tel Avivians went down to ten men from the 55th minute following the dismissal of Yaniv Yaron. The game was preceded by a special ceremony honoring twenty of Hapoel Tel Aviv's greatest past stars.

Ironi Rishon LeZion's match against Ironi Ashdod ended in a 1-1 draw. Yevgeny Kashentsev gave Rishon a lead after four minutes but Alon Hazan equalized for Ashdod from the penalty spot after Amir Turjman was downed

in the area prior to the half-time break.

Hapoel Ashkelon's massive but hard-to-please support turned up in their thousands to cheer on their side against Bnei Yehuda in Friday's sole National League fixture.

Hapoel took their first point of the season before an attendance of over 5,000 but this was clearly not enough for the home fans who called for the resignation of Moshe Nuriel at the end of the game.

NATIONAL LEAGUE										
	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Diff	Pts		
Maccabi Haifa	3	2	1	-	10	5	5	7		
Ironi Rishon LeZion	3	2	1	-	7	5	2	7		
Hapoel Jerusalem	3	2	1	-	7	5	2	7		
Hapoel Tel Aviv	3	2	1	-	8	7	1	7		
Betar Jerusalem	3	1	2	-	3	2	1	5		
Ironi Ashdod	3	1	1	1	2	2	0	4		
Hapoel Haifa	3	1	1	1	2	3	-1	4		
Bnei Yehuda	3	1	1	1	2	3	-1	4		
Hapoel Beersheba	3	1	-	2	5	6	-1	3		
Hapoel Kfar Sava	3	1	-	2	4	6	-2	3		
Hapoel Beit She'an	3	1	-	2	4	6	-2	3		
Hapoel Petah Tikva	3	1	-	2	4	6	-2	3		
Maccabi Tel Aviv	3	1	-	2	4	6	-2	3		
Maccabi Herzliya	3	1	-	2	4	6	-2	3		
Hapoel Ashkelon 3	2	-	1	1	3	6	-3	1		
Maccabi Petah Tikva	2	-	1	1	3	6	-3	1		

SECOND DIVISION										
	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Diff	Pts		
Hapoel Ashdod	1	1	-	-	3	-	3	3		
Maccabi Haifa	1	1	-	-	3	-	3	3		
Maccabi Acre	1	1	-	-	3	-	3	3		
Zefirum Holon	1	1	-	-	3	-	3	3		
Maccabi Kfar Kana	1	1	-	-	3	-	3	3		
Betar Tel Aviv	1	1	-	-	3	-	3	3		
Hapoel Lod	1	1	-	-	3	-	3	3		
Hapoel Ramat Gan	1	1	-	-	3	-	3	3		
Maccabi Netanya 1	1	1	-	-	3	-	3	3		
Hapoel Ramat Gan	1	1	-	-	3	-	3	3		
Hapoel Tel Aviv	1	1	-	-	3	-	3	3		
Ness Ziona	1	1	-	-	3	-	3	3		
Bnei Sakhnin	1	1	-	-	3	-	3	3		
Maccabi Kfar Kana	1	1	-	-	3	-	3	3		
Maccabi Yotvata	1	1	-	-	3	-	3	3		
Hapoel Beit Yotvata	1	1	-	-	3	-	3	3		

No sailing medals for Israel

By HEATHER CHAIT

The world sailing championships (470-division) ended yesterday in Tel Aviv with no medals but respectable results for the Israeli team.

Hopes of the medal for the women's pair of Anat Fabrikant and Shani Kedmi were dashed when they retained their fifth spot after the 12th and final race. Their final points score was 58 with placings of eight and seven in the last two sails yesterday.

With just 10 points separating them from the bronze medal, the disappointment of the Israeli women was keen.

"We're good enough for a medal," said Fabrikant, "but it just didn't happen today. Our starts were not quick enough."

The Ukrainian team of Ruslana Taran and Elena Pakhovich won the obvious choice for the gold medal with 23 points and wins in six individual sails.

This is the Ukrainians' third season together and their gold medal yesterday topped their Olympic performance in Atlanta where they took the bronze.

Taran, on her sixth visit to Israel (her husband's parents live in Holon), described the competition as "very hard" because of the unpredictable winds.

Yesterday's winds ranged from southwest and five knots in the morning to northwest and 12 knots later in the day.

In second place was the German team of Nicola Birkner and Wibke Buelle with another Ukrainian team,

Vladelina Krachun and Natalia Gapovovich winning the bronze medal.

The Finnish men's team of Petri Leskinen and Kristian Heilmala sealed the championships gold, winning the last race yesterday for added effect.

The pair, in their first season together, also cited the changeable winds as the main factor which forced them to adopt a cautious strategy.

Petri placed 16th in the last world championships in Brazil.

Their coach, Mark Loog, was less surprised by the result than his proteges. "They are a professional team, they worked hard and they reached the top at the right place," he said.

The silver medal went to Portugal's Hugo Rocha and Nuno Barreto with Sweden's Markus Westerland and Henrik Wallin capturing the bronze.

The favored local team of Nir and Ran Shental finished in eighth place, ending their final three races in 12th, 16th and fourth places.

However the wind was clearly not taken out of Ran's sails. "I'm satisfied," he said coolly, "we started training again just three weeks ago after our break from the Olympics."

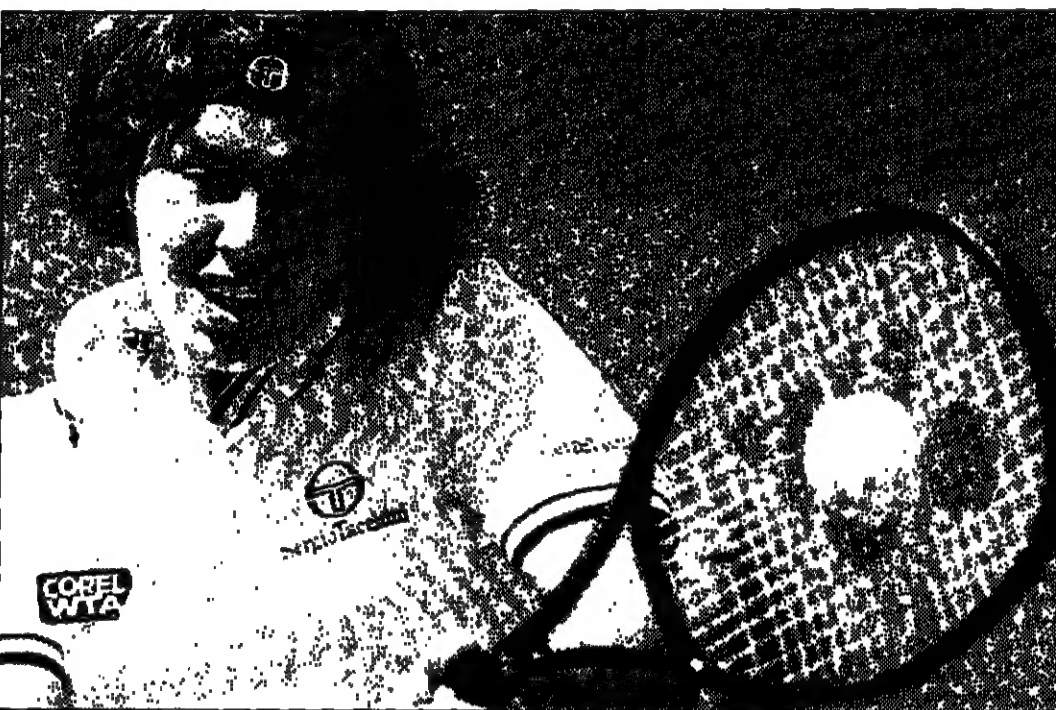
Ran blamed their poor starts as the point of concern.

Another local pair, Zeev Kalach and David Schwarz took ninth place overall, after finishing third in the last sail.

Eliad Ronen and Tomer Barilo finished in the 21st spot and Eli Zuckerman and Saar Behr were 25th.

Udi Gal and Gidi Kliger took second place in the consolation group.

Hingis advances to 4th round



NO-MISS SWISS - Martina Hingis hits a backhand to Elena Likhovtseva of Russia en route to a straight set victory.

NEW YORK (AP) - Top-seeded Martina Hingis beat back her toughest challenge of the US Open, defeating Elena Likhovtseva 7-5, 6-2 yesterday and advancing into the fourth round.

Hingis, seeking her third Grand Slam tournament title of the year, lost her serve four times, but Likhovtseva failed to take advantage. The Russian held her serve only three times.

Still, Hingis was forced to stay on the Arthur Ashe Stadium court for 1

hour, 17 minutes, before winning. Meanwhile, Australia's Rachel McQuillan upset seventh-seeded Conchita Martinez 6-2, 7-5 and Spain's Magui Serna defeated No. 16 Kimberly Po of the United States 6-4, 6-3.

In other early women's matches, No. 10 Arantxa Sanchez Vicario downed Alexandra Fusil of France 6-2, 6-1 and No. 12 Mary Joe Fernandez stopped Paola Suarez of Argentina 6-1, 6-2.

In men's play, No. 6 Alex Corretja

withdrew because of a strained left quadriceps muscle. That put Richard Krajicek, who had been scheduled to face Corretja, into the fourth round in a walkover.

Britain's Greg Rusedski also gained the fourth round with a 7-6 (7-5), 6-3, 6-1 victory over Jens Knippschild of Germany.

Corretja, one of five Spanish players seeded at the Open, had advanced with two tough four-set victories, defeating Marc Rosset and Bohdan Ulihrach. He was the highest seed left in defending champion Pete Sampras' half of the draw. A year ago, the two played a memorable five-set quarter-final that left both men exhausted.

How Friday's seeds fared:
Men (second round):
Michael Chang (2), Henderson, Nev., def. Jeff Salzenstein, Englewood, Colo., 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Mark Woodford, Australia, def. Yevgeny Kafelnikov (3), Russia, 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (7-4).
Sergi Bruguera (7), Spain, def. Grant Stafford, South Africa, 6-4, 6-2, 7-6 (7-3).
Marcelo Rios (10), Chile, def. Kenneth Carlsen, Denmark 6-4, 5-7, 3-6, 6-1, 7-6 (7-3).
Patrick Rafter (13), Australia, def. Magnus Norman, Sweden, 6-2, 6-1, 6-2.

Women (third round):
Monica Seles (2), Sarasota, Fla., def. Miriam Oremans, Netherlands, 6-1, 6-1.
Amelie Maheo (5), South Africa, def. Flora Peretti, Italy, 6-2, 7-5.
Venus Williams, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., def. Anke Huber (8), Germany, 6-3, 6-4.
Mary Pierce (9), France, def. Natasha Zvereva, Belarus, 7-6 (7-2), 6-1.
Irina Spirlea (11), Romania, def. Lilia Osterloh, Canal Winchester, Ohio, 6-2, 7-5.

Tough break for Israeli teams in UEFA draws

By ORI LEWIS

Israel's three representatives in the UEFA cup competitions will have their work cut out in the next round of their respective events following the draws made in Lausanne on Friday.

Hapoel Beersheba take on Dutch side Roda JC in the Cup Winners' Cup. Betar Jerusalem and Hapoel Petah Tikva will play in the UEFA Cup respectively against Belgium's Club Brugge and Rapid Vienna of Austria.

All Israel's representatives will find the going particularly tough this time around, as their opponents come from the upper levels of European soccer.

Beersheba have now become Israel's premier European representative after Betar were brought down to earth in Lisbon by Sporting last week. The Negev

side meet Roda, who finished the league in sixth place at the end of last season. They beat Heerenveen in the Dutch Cup final to gain their berth in this competition.

Beersheba will host their first leg on September 18 with the return leg in the Netherlands on October 2.

Betar will meet Brugge in Group H of the UEFA Cup. The Belgians were runners-up in the league last season. The first leg on September 16 will be played in Jerusalem with the return leg in Belgium on September 30.

Petah Tikva play Rapid Vienna in Group F after securing their 1-0 home victory over Denmark's Vejle last week. The Austrian side were runners-up in the league, a corresponding position to that of their Israeli opponents. Rapid host the first leg (September 16) with the return in Israel on September 30.

Juventus, United meet again

GENEVA (AP) - Runner-up Juventus and semifinalist Manchester United, who finished first and second in last season's Champions Cup group, were drawn Friday to meet each other again at the same stage.

The Italian and English soccer giants were put in the same Group B along with Dutch club Feyenoord and FC Kosice of Slovakia.

The Reds host Juventus October 1 and go to Turin December 10.

Another tough matchup is in Group C where Barcelona, Dutch champion PSV Eindhoven and Newcastle are in together with Dynamo Kiev of Ukraine.

Only the winner of each group is guaranteed a place in the quarter-final plus the best two runners-up.

Defending champion Borussia Dortmund should have a slightly easier time against Italian league runner-up Parma, Sparta Prague of the Czech Republic and Turkey's Galatasaray.

Spanish champion Real Madrid will hop over the border to play Portuguese titlist FC Porto in Group D and also faces Norway's Rosenborg BK and Greek champion Olympiakos.

Germany has three teams in the last 24 and Bayern Munich faces Sweden's IFK Gothenburg, Besiktas Istanbul and Paris Saint Germain, runner-up in both the French league and Cup Winners' Cup last season.

PSG had to overcome a 3-0 deficit imposed as a punishment by UEFA for accidentally fielding a suspended player but crushed

Steaua Bucharest 5-0 in the second leg.

Bayer Leverkusen faces French champion AS Monaco, Belgium's Lieke and Sporting Club of Portugal.

The first matches are September 17 and the group games finish December 10.

UEFA has expanded the Champions League this season to accommodate the runners-up from some of the strongest nations and 24 teams are in the group stage instead of 16 as in previous seasons.

Critics say that, although it strengthens the competition, it leads to more games in an already overcrowded season and, with runners-up taking part, it no longer should be called the Champions Cup.

UEFA's decision to let runners-up take part in the Champions Cup also has weakened the other two competitions. With last season's winner, Barcelona, playing in the Champions Cup, the Cup Winners' competition lacks any of the biggest names.

Italian Cup winner Vicenza hosts Legia Warsaw in the first leg while Chelsea, a semifinalist two seasons ago, returns with a matchup with Slovan Bratislava of Slovakia, the first leg at Stamford Bridge September 18.

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NEAR KIKAR-HEMEDINA, 2, nice, fully furnished rooms. 03-955-7378, 052-928-190.

DWELLINGS
Sharon Area

RENTALS
RAMAT POLEG, DUPLEX penthouse, panoramic + sea views, 4 balconies, luxury, equipped, optional furnishings. Tel. 052-733-823.

SALES
HERZLIYA YERUKA, 4-APARTMENT building, 5 rooms, 3 bath, well-invested, 3 exposures, parking. Tel. 09-856-7172, 052-955-028.

HOFIT, LARGE VILLA, excellent corner location. View. Lovely garden. Tel. 09-865-8639.

DWELLINGS
Haifa and North

SALES
DENYA ALEPH, SINGLE house, breathtaking view, no stairs. Tel. 04-825-5202, 04-862-8238.

SITUATIONS VACANT
General

HOUSEHOLD HELP
LIVE - IN, AU PAIR, 2 children (6,5,7) + housework, non-smoking. Tel. 09-850-8351, 03-544-2493, 050-528-503.

SITUATIONS VACANT
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CRITICS' CHOICE

THEATER

HELEN KAYE

Oy! This poor old chappie (Gabi Amrani) has an impossible dream - to visit a top-drawer American prostitute. But he's a beggar, so he settles for a two-bit local substitute (Gitta Munte) as a birthday present to himself. And he visits her despite the opposition of his son (Rami Baruch). Hanoch Levin wrote and directed the Cameri production of *The Whore from Ohio*, which is at the Jerusalem Kham tonight through Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. (Hebrew)

TELEVISION

The French film *Coup de Foudre* (Second Showing 10:10 p.m.) is a moving, incisive, superbly acted study of the near-romantic friendship between two married Frenchwomen in the years following World War II. One is a Jewish housewife (Isabelle Huppert) stifled by her dull bourgeois life, the other a restless bohemian (Mio Miu) whose true love was killed by the Germans. Based on the real-life story of director Diane Kurys's mother (the Huppert character), the film conveys a strongly feminist message while accurately portraying the emotional damage done to families when even loveless marriages fall apart.

Howard Stern proves to be a fine actor in 'Private Parts.'



FILM

PRIVATE PARTS - Based on the autobiography of the rude, crude New York radio personality, Howard Stern, Betty Thomas's film is one of the more entertaining bits of celebrity self-aggrandizement to surface in a long time. Actually, the movie - which stars Stern as himself - works by means of a clever blend of self-love and self-mockery, as it also further develops the tricky *trompe-l'œil* technique that he has perfected on his WNBC radio show. To hear Stern tell it, no subject is off limits for on-air discussion. His improvised banter appears to be brutally honest and totally intimate, and his massive public appeal is based on the fact that his honesty knows no bounds. While such total frankness is a fine claim to fame, it is, of course, not true. Stern's straight-talking, wise-cracking radio persona is just that - a persona. And if there's one thing that his inspired movie debut makes clear it's that he is, above all, a fantastic actor, a man who has cast himself in the part of soul-bearing vulgarian and thoroughly mastered the role. Featuring a blend of actors and real-life media personalities, as themselves. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Children under 17 not admitted without an adult.)

While Liverpool has made a disappointing start to the English soccer season, Newcastle seems to be thriving under the management of former Kop idol Kenny Dalglish, despite the loss of Alan Shearer (injured), David Ginola and Les Ferdinand (transferred to Spurs), and Peter Beardsley (now with Bolton). Today's match (live on Channel 5 at 5:40 p.m.) between these teams promises the delightful prospect of Ian Rush and John Barnes lining up for Newcastle against the team with which they won so many honors. As for Liverpool, the brand-new striking partnership of German veteran Karl Heinz Riedle and young Michael Owen looks like one to watch. Riedle's wonderful goal against Leeds last week could be a sign of things to come.

David Isaacson

TV

CHANNEL 1

8:30 News Flash
8:31 News in Arabic
6:45 Good Morning Israel

EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Cartoons
10:00 Eritrean World
10:30 The Intrepid
11:00 A Matter of Time
11:35 Wilderness Edge
12:00 Cartoons (pt)
15:00 Shalom Kula Alek

CHANNEL 1

15:30 Zappy Wave
15:33 Denver, the Last Dinosaur
15:55 Super Ben
16:00 Road to Avonlea
16:45 Super Ben
16:59 A New Evening
17:54 Zappy Wave
18:15 News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS

18:30 Amal and Kamal Studio
19:00 News

HEBREW PROGRAMS

18:30 News Flash
18:31 Home Improvement
18:35 News
18:45 A Second Look
21:25 World Soccer
22:35 The Ruth Rendell Mysteries
22:45 News
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CHANNEL 2

6:15 Today's programs
6:30 Rainbow Children
6:35 The Morning
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MOVIE

CHANNEL 4

11:30 The Awakening (1989) - a hardworking hotel owner is swept off his feet
12:05 Sealing Stars
12:30 At the Midnight Hour (1985) - a young woman comes to work as a nanny for a mysterious scientist
15:00 News in the Cinema
15:10 Stolen Innocence (1985) - a runaway bride is an escaped convict and is then kidnapped by him
16:45 The Monster (Italian, 1994) - a scalpel-wielding mad scientist is a madman for a ruthless murderer. With Roberto Benigni and Michel Blanc
18:45 An Element of Truth (1995) - a corrupt investigator gets a job in an investment company. With Donna Mills
20:20 The Low Life (1989) - comedy about a youngster in LA who learns how to succeed in an X-generation age
22:00 Face of Evil (1989) - a young woman leaves her fiancé at the altar and escapes with his money to New York. With Tracy Gold
22:30 The Chase (1989) - a wrongly imprisoned man escapes and kidnaps the daughter of a rich man. With Charlie Sheen
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CHANNEL 13

Basel celebrates centennial quietly

By MARILYN HENRY

BASEL - Although it appeared that every official felt compelled on Friday to repeat Theodor Herzl's diary entry - "In Basel I founded the Jewish state" - the celebration of the Zionist centenary was not immediately apparent in Basel.

There are posters of Herzl near the casino, the main meeting hall for the centenary's academic conference, which was held last week, which also is the site of the official Basel centenary celebration tonight. But in the cobblestoned old city, near the Rhine River, and on the main shopping thoroughfares, there is virtually no evidence that anything unusual or festive is afoot - no posters, no Israeli flags.

The only indication that there was anything noteworthy at the casino were the police barricades that barred pedestrians from the sidewalk. The entrance to the casino was marked by potted plants, not by signs or banners for the 100th anniversary of the First Zionist Congress.

And while security also is tight at other selected locations - the Jewish community center and a few key hotels - it appears to inconvenience relatively few Basel residents, and seems less than extraordinary to Israelis.

"All the security in the streets really makes Basel something Israeli," Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg quipped to Basel officials.

The Canton of Basel officially welcomed Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon and other MKs at a ceremony Friday at the Rathaus, where there seemed to be a job at the absence of President Ezer Weizman, who said in January that he would not attend the ceremonies because of scheduling conflicts.

Ten years have passed since Chaim Herzog, then president of Israel, honored us with his presence on the occasion of the 90th anniversary of the First Zionist Congress," Ueli Vischer, president of the canton government, said at the ceremony. "That was a historic moment for Switzerland, as it was the first time that an Israeli president had honored us with a visit."

The Swiss government will be represented tonight by Judith Stamm, president of the national parliament. President Arnold Koller and Foreign Minister Flavio Cotti will receive the Knesset delegation in Bern this week.

Burg refused to be goaded into making any cracks about Weizman. Instead, he noted the comparable posts of Tichon and Stamm. "Is that egalitarian? I am more than happy about it," he said at a news conference late Thursday.

There was some grumbling about the congress that seemed to be based more on political events in the Middle East than the brouhaha over the Swiss banks' handling of dormant Jewish accounts.

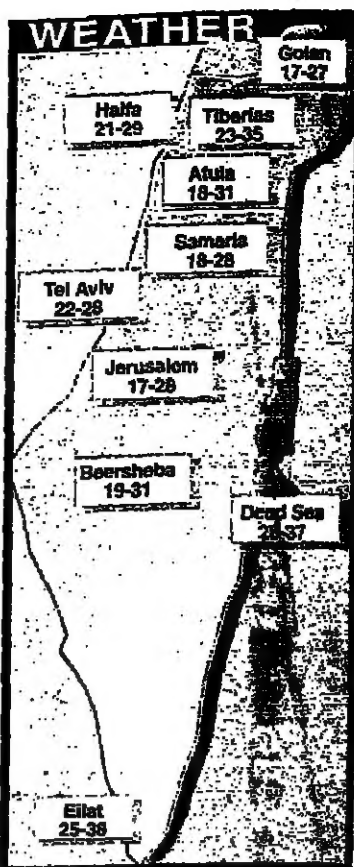
Vischer, however, did not shy from the issue.



Learning road safety

Pupils from grades 1-6 will get this road safety kit tomorrow, should school open on schedule. The kit, produced by the Transport Ministry, includes 'Stop Before You Cross' and 'Buckle Up in Back, Too' stickers and booklets, plus instructions on how to properly cross the street. Parents also will receive safety tips to pass on to their youngsters regarding walking to and from school.

(Photo: Transport Ministry; Text: Aryeh Dean Cohen)



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Burg: Let WJRO run Swiss fund

By MARILYN HENRY

BASEL - Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg came under fire in Switzerland at week's end, when he called for the operation of the Swiss humanitarian fund, which has yet to allocate a dollar to survivors, to be turned over to the World Jewish Restitution Organization.

In a letter to Rolf Bloch, president of the humanitarian fund, Burg also suggested that Bloch misrepresented or overestimated the authority of the seven-member executive of the fund, which was created by Swiss law on March 1.

Thomas Borer, the Swiss envoy dealing with Switzerland's relations during World War II, challenged Burg to drop his plan, saying that quarrels about procedures are "ridiculous." "We were always told that there were Holocaust survivors dying daily and we Swiss banks and the government were dragging our feet," Borer said Friday at a news conference. But the delay, he said, was rooted in "a lot of quarrelling

going on [about] which organization should have the money and which should give it."

For his part, Burg said: "I compromise and compromise and compromise until they [the Swiss] accept my opinion."

The WJRO in February had negotiated the terms of the agreement that established the fund, which later was made law by the Swiss parliament, Borer and Bloch said. Both appeared startled at what was widely seen as an effort to change the terms six months later.

"I cannot change the ordinance," Bloch said yesterday. "What I suggest is that they now work on the proposals [for distributing the funds]. They will get the money, but they will have to work for it."

The fund has hired a staff that is scheduled to open an office with a "secretary-general" in Bern tomorrow.

The fund, which is intended to help needy Holocaust survivors, has \$113 million donated by the three major Swiss banks and by Swiss companies. The Swiss National Bank has pledged \$67 million.

Swiss asked to check for Nazis on accounts list

By TOM TUGEND

LOS ANGELES - The Simon Wiesenthal Center is stepping up its pressure on Swiss banks to identify World War II accounts bearing the names of possible high-ranking Nazis and their collaborators.

On July 23, the Wiesenthal Center submitted the names of 11 suspected Nazis, culled from the list of 1,800 dormant wartime accounts publicized throughout the world by the Swiss Bankers' Association.

The 11 names, some with slight variations in spelling from the Swiss list, as well as known aliases of Nazi bigwigs, included a top aide to Adolf Eichmann, Hitler's personal photographer, the chief exterminator of Latvian Jewry, and high-ranking French, Slovakian and Latvian collaborators.

Now, after weeks of further research, the Wiesenthal Center has submitted an additional 94 names, selected from among the names of 376 German and Austrian citizens found in the Swiss bankers' list of 1,800 dormant accounts.

Of the 94 names, 36 bear the first and last names of men identified by the United Nations War Crimes Commission or appearing in the complete list of SS officers. Among these 36 suspects, 10 have been accused of mass murder and torture, according to the Wiesenthal Center.

Of the remaining names in the list of 94, many are identified only by their last names in the UN and SS lists, and may or may not be identical to persons with the same last names who established wartime Swiss bank accounts.

In a fax to Christoph Meier of the Swiss Bankers' Association, the Wiesenthal Center asked that "the assets of these 94 accounts be frozen, pending a formal investigation by Switzerland and Germany, to determine whether this money belonged to members of the SS and other Nazi organizations, who committed crimes against humanity."

Following submission of the initial list of 11 names to Meier in July, he promised, in an immediate response, to work with the Swiss government in investigating the allegations.

"Since then we have heard nothing, and I hope we are not facing more stalling tactics," said Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean of the Wiesenthal Center.

"After all, the Swiss banks have had these names and data in their hands for many decades, and we will judge their level of commitment by how rapidly, underline rapidly, they will ascertain who put the money in these suspects' accounts," said Cooper.

"We need to know next, what procedure the Swiss banks and government will put in place to make certain that the assets in accounts set up by identified war criminals do not fall into the hands of their heirs," Cooper said. "So far, we are totally in the dark on such procedures."

Winning cards

In Friday's Chance drawing, the winning cards were the queen of spades, 10 of hearts, queen of diamonds and ace of clubs.

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Theodor Herzl

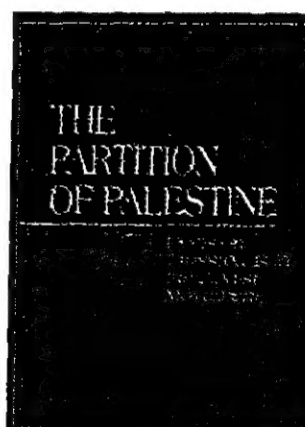
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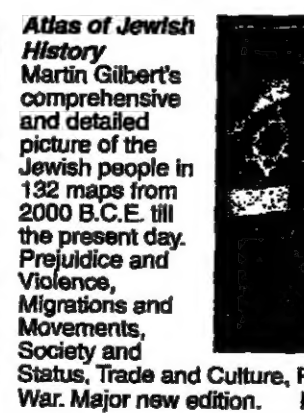
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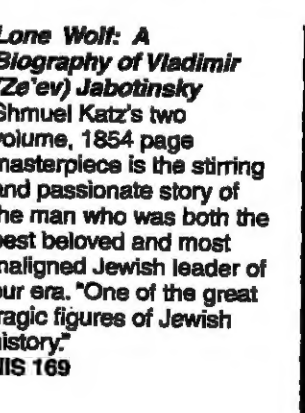
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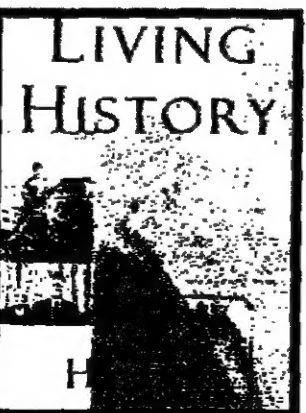
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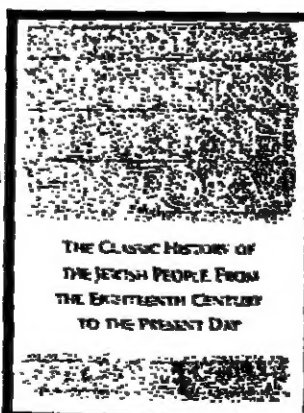
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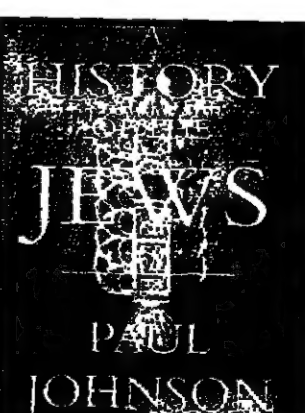
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